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INTRODUCTION

As the President's chief message-crafting body, the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO), is mandated to provide strategic communication leadership and support to the Executive Branch, its composite agencies, and instrumentalities of government.

The PCDSPO is also mandated to act as custodian of the institutional memory of the Office of the President. One of our projects is the continuation of the series of books called the Messages of the President, started in 1936 by Jorge B. Vargas, Executive Secretary to President Manuel L. Quezon. The series was a wide collection of executive issuances, speeches, messages, and other official papers of the President. The volumes were intended to serve as the definitive compilation of presidential documents. The series was continued until the Quirino administration, although the series for the Presidential administrations of Presidents Quezon, Roxas, and Quirino were never completed.

In 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III ordered the revival of the series and the constitution of a complete set, covering all 15 presidential administrations. With pride, we continue what Vargas began.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our partners for without whose gracious cooperation, this project would have not been possible.

A note on organization: Each presidential administration's messages are in book form, compiled and subdivided into volumes. The books are as follows:

- Book 1: Emilio Aguinaldo
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- Book 4: Sergio Osmeña
- Book 5: Manuel Roxas
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- Book 7: Ramon Magsaysay
- Book 8: Carlos P. Garcia
- Book 9: Diosdado Macapagal
- Book 10: Ferdinand E. Marcos
- Book 11: Corazon C. Aquino
- Book 12: Fidel V. Ramos
- Book 13: Joseph Ejercito Estrada
- Book 14: Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
- Book 15: Benigno S. Aquino III

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- Volume 1: Official Weeks/Months in Review
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 - Volume 3: Historical Papers and Documents
 - Volume 4: Executive Orders
 - Volume 5: Administrative Orders
 - Volume 6: Proclamations
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Volume 7: Other issuances

Volume 8: Cabinet minutes

We hope that this collection will be a useful and vital reference for generations to come.

PREFACE

On July 30, 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order No. 4, which effectively renamed what was previously called the Malacañang Museum into the Presidential Museum and Library (PML) and placed it under the supervision and control of the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO). The PML is responsible for preserving, managing, and promoting the history and heritage of the Philippine presidency. It is the principal historical and artistic repository in support of the institution of the presidency, for the benefit of the Republic and the Filipino people. In partnership with the PCDSPO, which has pioneered the publication of the Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines as a web archive and information website, the PML has taken this mandate and placed it on the cutting edge of the information age.

Much has been done over the past years, under the administration of President Aquino III, to digitize executive issuances, speeches, letters, and other presidential papers; and publish them online. The project is not limited to a single administration, nor does it discriminate. This collection, published as databases, as well as print and e-publications, includes documents from the presidency of Emilio Aguinaldo to the current Aquino administration. This represents the government's allegiance to transparency, continuity, and the fostering of an informed citizenry, as well as an effort, in earnest, to preserve the institutional memory of the Presidency. All this was done not just for the posterity, but for the current generation and the ongoing task of nation building.

The PML are proud partners of the Official Gazette and PCDSPO team, to whom we made the collections available. We sincerely hope that this series will serve as a vital reference to educators, students, journalists, lawyers, historians, and the public at large.

FOREWORD

This is the fourth volume of President Ferdinand E. Marcos' official papers, which constitutes the 10th book of the Messages of the President series. The series was started in 1936 by Executive Secretary Jorge B. Vargas, during the first year in office of Manuel L. Quezon, the first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines. This volume collects President Marcos' Executive Orders, which provide for rules of a general or permanent character in implementation or execution of constitutional or statutory powers.

BOOK 10

PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS

President Ferdinand E. Marcos was the tenth President of the Philippines and was the sixth and the last President of the Third Republic of the Philippines. He assumed office on December 30, 1965. He was re-elected in 1969 becoming the first President to serve a second term. President Marcos was barred from running for a third term as president in 1973 so on September 23, 1972, by virtue of a presidential Proclamation No. 1081 which was signed on September 21, 1972, he declared Martial Law citing the threats of the Communists and Muslim insurgencies as justification which had come into force and would extend his rule beyond the constitutional two-term limit. After the lifting of Martial Law, on June 16, 1981, the First Presidential Elections of the Fourth Republic was held. President Marcos ran and won over the other candidates. On November 3, 1985, he announced that a presidential snap election would take place the following year due to escalating discontent from the public and pressure from foreign allies. The snap election was legalized with the passage of Batas Pambansa Blg. 883. The election was held on February 7, 1986. The Commission on Election (COMELEC) declared President Marcos as the winner, on the other hand, the National Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) declared Corazon C. Aquino. The failed election process resulted to the People Power Movement. President Marcos was President until February 25, 1986, Corazon C. Aquino was inaugurated as the President of the Philippines at Club Filipino, and afterwards, President Marcos held his inauguration at the Malacañan Palace. After the inauguration, the Marcos Family hurriedly fled the palace.

The Executive Issuances of President Marcos began with Administrative Order No. 1, signed on December 30, 1965 and ended with Executive Order No. 1093 that was signed on February 22, 1986.

President Marcos' documents were gathered from its official sources such as the Official Gazette of the Philippines; Malacañang Records Office's Book of Executive Issuances; Presidential Speeches Volume Nos. 1 to 10; Encounter with Destiny; and the Dictatorship and Revolution: Roots of People's Power.

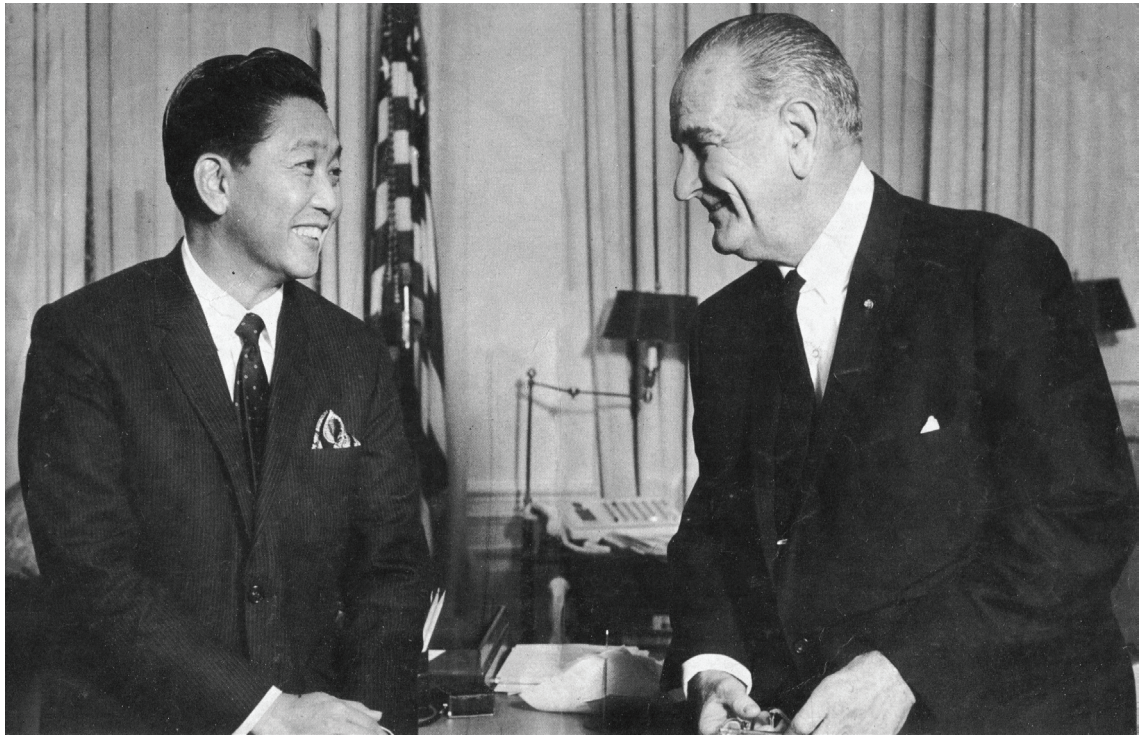
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President Ferdinand E. Marcos and U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson
in the Oval Office, September 14, 1966.



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President Ferdinand E. Marcos signs his name in the guest book at a luncheon given by the National Press Club at the National Press Building in Washington, September 16, 1966.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

An Executive Order provides for rules of a general or permanent character in implementation or execution of constitutional or statutory powers. The Executive Orders of President Ferdinand E. Marcos began on January 1, 1966 with Executive Order No. 1 and ended on February 22, 1986 with Executive Order No. 1093.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 480

REQUIRING ALL SECTORS OF MASS MEDIA, BILLBOARD ADVERTISERS, AND OPERATORS OF MOVIE AND CINEMAHOUSES TO ALLOCATE SPOT TIME AND/OR SPACE FOR INFORMATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS AND PROGRAMS ON WATER CONSERVATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the water conservation program of the government requires the mounting of a sustained and intensive program of information and education on water conservation measures and the efficient utilization of water; and

WHEREAS, the assistance and participation of all sectors of mass media, billboard and cinema advertisers is necessary for the purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. All sectors of mass media including all newspapers, magazines, radio and television networks as well as all billboard advertisers and moviehouse operators are hereby required to allocate and set aside such spot time and/or space as shall be necessary and adequate to air, broadcast, publish and disseminate informational and educational programs and campaigns of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, the government agency designated to launch this campaign on water conservation measures and the efficient utilization of water.

SEC. 2. All materials, programs, and campaigns to be aired, broadcast or published shall be coursed through the Secretary of Public Information who shall specify and designate the time, length and frequency of air time in the case of radio, television and movie and the space, size and frequency in the case of newspapers and billboards.

SEC. 3. This Order shall be effective immediately for a period of one year thereafter unless sooner revoked by the President.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1977). *[Executive Order Nos.: 436 - 530]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 481
CREATING A COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS AND A COMMITTEE
ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS FOR THE THIRD MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS' WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
(METRO MANILA, 20-24 JUNE 1977)

WHEREAS, the Philippines is hosting the Third Ministerial Meeting of the World Food Council to be held 20-24 June 1977, at the Philippine International Convention Center;

WHEREAS, the Third Ministerial Meeting will be the first session of the Council held outside its headquarters in Rome and in a developing country;

WHEREAS, the World Food Council at this session will discuss the world food situation, particularly the food problems confronting the developing world, and will try to once again consolidate the support of all nations in exerting the necessary political will in order to wipe out hunger and malnutrition;

WHEREAS, the Third Ministerial Meeting shall bring together at least thirty-six ministers from all over the world, thus enhancing the efforts of the Philippines to take the lead in solving the food problems of the Third World;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, do hereby authorize the creation of the following inter-agency committees which shall be responsible for ensuring the success of this conference:

1. The Committee on Conference Preparations shall take charge of the physical arrangements for the proper organization and functioning of the Session. It shall be composed of representatives from the following government agencies duly designated by their respective heads:

Department of Agriculture	- Chairman
Department of Foreign Affairs	- Member
Department of Tourism	- Member
Department of National Defense	- Member
Department of Public Information	- Member
Department of Finance	- Member
Budget Commission	- Member
Immigration and Deportation Commission	- Member
Bureau of Customs	- Member
Manila International Airport	- Member
National Food and Agriculture Council	- Member
National Grains Authority	- Member

2. The Committee on Substantive Matters will take care of preparing and ensuring the effective and consolidated presentation of the Philippine position on the issues to be discussed at the Session. The Committee shall be composed of representatives from the following government agencies duly designated by their respective heads:

Department of Agriculture	- Chairman
Department of Foreign Affairs	- Member
Department of Natural Resources	- Member
Department of Trade	- Member
National Economic and Development Authority	- Member
National Nutrition Council	- Member
Fertilizer Industry Authority	- Member
National Food & Agriculture Council	- Member

Said committees may call upon any government department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality and/or any private entity for assistance in the accomplishment of their tasks.

The said committees may adopt their own rules of procedure and may create sub-committees to facilitate the accomplishment of their tasks.

The members of the committees and sub-committees may be given such honoraria commensurate to the performance of their duties.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1977). *[Executive Order Nos.: 436 - 530]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 482
CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CELEBRATION OF
PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON 12 JUNE 1977.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a national committee to take charge of the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on 12 June 1977.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Education & Culture	Chairman
The Secretary of Public Information	Vice-Chairman
The Secretary of Local Governments & Community Development	Member
The Secretary of Natural Resources	Member
The Commissioner of the Budget	Member
The Presidential Assistant on National Minorities	Member
The Presidential Assistant on Legal Affairs	Member
The Undersecretary of Public Works	Member
The Undersecretary of Labor	Member
The Undersecretary of National Defense	Member
The Undersecretary of Trade	Member
The Undersecretary of Tourism	Member
The Undersecretary of Industry	Member
The Mayor of Manila	Member
The Chairman, National Historical Institute	Member
The Director, National Media Production Center	Member
The President, Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities	Member
The President, Veterans Federation of the Philippines	Member
The President, Civil Assembly of Women of the Philippines	Member
Representative from Youth Group	Member
The Presidential Protocol Officer	Member-Secretary

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and for the purpose of discharging its functions, may create sub-committees as may be necessary.

The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its duties and functions.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1977). *[Executive Order Nos.: 436 - 530]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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MALACAÑANG RECORDS OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 483

Based on the records available on file and in the possession of Malacañang Records Office, Executive Order No. 483 of Presidential Issuances of Ferdinand E. Marcos was certified by their office as a reserved number and that no original copy of this issuance was forwarded and released to them.

Malacañang Records Office. (2016). *[Memorandum: certification and official count of Presidential Issuances]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 484

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1937, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Republic Act No. 1937, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed hereunder as classified under Section 104 of Republic Act No. 1937 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 34, shall pay the following rates of import duty:

<u>Tariff Heading</u>		<u>Rate of Duty</u>	
<u>Number</u>	<u>Description of Articles</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
40.11	Rubber tyres, tyre cases, interchangeable tyre threads, inner tubes and tyre flaps, for wheels of all kinds:		
	A. For aircraft, tractors, [and] earth moving equipment,	[30%]	
	AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS. ad val.	[50%]	30%
	B. Other ad val.	50%	50%

SECTION 2. After the expiration of thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 3. Any unwarranted increase in the prices of local products benefitted by these tariff changes may be sufficient ground for the revocation of such tariff changes.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 485

CREATING A NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE
NATION-WIDE OBSERVANCE AND PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF THE CHILD IN 1979.

WHEREAS, the Philippines views with deep concern the situation of children in Asia where eighty per cent of human poverty exists and half of the world's population lives;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is in full accord with the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the International Year of the Child adopted at the 106th plenary meeting on 21 December 1976;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 1604-A dated 10 December 1976 directs the Filipino people to observe the Decade of the Filipino Child for the years 1977-1987 and includes therein in the Philippine participation in the International Year of the Child in 1979; and

WHEREAS, it is of importance that the observance of said International Year of the Child be efficiently organized and that all agencies, governmental and non-governmental, should cooperate and coordinate with one another to ensure its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the National Steering Committee for the International Year of the Child in 1979, composed as follows:

Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos
Honorary Chairman
Dr. Estefania Aldaba-Lim
Chairman
Dr. Clemente S. Gatmaitan
Co-Chairman
Members:
Secretary Juan L. Manuel
Dr. Onofre D. Corpuz
Undersecretary Manuel Collantes
Dr. Jaime C. Laya
Ambassador Leandro I. Verceles
Dr. Fe del Mundo
Dr. Leticia Perez de Guzman
Director Bai Hadji Fatima Matabay Plang

The National Steering Committee is hereby directed to prepare the guidelines and national blueprint for the observance of the International Year of the Child and is hereby empowered to

call on any agency or instrumentality of the Government to assist in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities, as well as to designate such officials it may require for the purpose.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**

Presidential Executive Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 486
CREATING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BAGUIO CITY.

WHEREAS, Baguio City is one of the most beautiful cities of the world, a principal tourist attraction, and popularly known as the summer capital of the Philippines by reason of its invigorating climate;

WHEREAS, in view of the lack of development planning, environmental pollution, constant denudation of its forests and other destructive effects of industrial development, the city is fast deteriorating; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to preserve the city's pristine beauty from further deterioration, and to develop it for the present and succeeding generations as a show window for cultural, social and economic development of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create an advisory committee for the development of Baguio City as an urban center and a tourist spot.

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of a Chairman, the City Mayor of Baguio as Co-Chairman, and three members, whom I shall hereafter appoint.

The Advisory Committee shall advise the President on matters pertaining to the development of Baguio and shall prepare a development plan of Baguio as an urban center and a tourist spot.

The Committee may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such assistance as it may need in the performance of its functions.

The Committee shall submit to the President a periodic report of its activities.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 487
UPDATING THE KILOMETER STATIONINGS OF ALL ROADS

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct the updating and/or relocating of the kilometer stationings along all roads.

The Rizal Monument at the Rizal Park in Manila will remain as Km. 0+000 and all stationings in Central and Northern Luzon will be carried along the Manila North Road and Cagayan Valley Road while all stationings in Southern Luzon will be carried along the Manila South Road.

As a result of the near completion of the PAN-PHILIPPINE HIGHWAY, the kilometer stationing in Matnog, Sorsogon, where the ferry terminal site is to be located, shall be reckoned from Km. 0+000 in Manila.

The distances in the nautical miles served by the ferry services of the PAN-PHILIPPINE HIGHWAY across the San Bernardino and Surigao Straits shall be converted to kilometers to determine the kilometer stationings at San Isidro, Northern Samar; Liloan, Southern Leyte; and Lipata West in Surigao City where the ferry terminal sites are to be located.

The kilometer stationing at San Isidro, Northern Samar shall be the reckoning point of all roads in the provinces of Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Samar, Leyte and Southern Leyte.

The kilometer stationing at Lipata West, Surigao City shall be the reckoning point of all roads in the main island of Mindanao.

For the islands of Panay and Negros, Km. 0+000 shall be in front of the provincial Capitol Buildings in Iloilo City and Bacolod City, respectively.

For the island of Mindoro, Km. 0+000 shall be in front of the Provincial Capitol Building in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro.

For all other island provinces, Km. 0+000 shall be in front of the Provincial Capitol Building in the provincial capital of the province.

The Secretary of Public Highways is hereby directed to implement this project.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TEVERA

Presidential Assistant

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RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 488

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 41 DATED JUNE 24, 1963, ENTITLED “DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF SAN JOSE, MUNICIPALITY OF PILI, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AS THE NEW CAPITOL SITE OF SAID PROVINCE.”

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 2 of Republic Act No. 1336, as amended by Republic Act No. 3407, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby designate as amendatory to Executive Order No. 41, dated June 24, 1963, certain parcels of land donated to the Province of Camarines Sur by Don Suzano J. Rodriguez, situated in the Barangay of Cadlan, Municipality of Pili, as the new capitol site of the Province of Camarines Sur, which parcels of land are more particularly described as follows:

Lot 1

A parcel of land (Lot M-2-A, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd ____, being a portion of Lot M-2, (LRC) Psd-107284, LRC Rec. No. ____), situated in the Barrio of Cadlan, municipality of Pili, Province of Camarines Sur, Island of Luzon, bounded on the N., along points 1 to 3 by Lot 1-B-2-C-1; on the NE., along points 3 to 16 by Lot N-1, (LRC) Psd-107284; on the SE., along points 16 to 24 by Pongel Creek; on the SW and NW., along points 24 to 1 by Lot M-2-B, of the subdivision plan (creek); Beginning a point marked “1” on plan being S.7 deg. 21”W., 1639.46 From MBM No. 1 Barrio Palestina, Pili, Camarines Sur;

thence N. 86 deg.	30'E.,	347.10	m. to point 2;
thence N. 86 deg.	30'E.,	24.00	m. to point 3;
thence S. 3 deg.	48'E.,	15.00	m. to point 4;
thence S. 16 deg.	10'W.,	10.56	m. to point 5;
thence S. 3 deg.	30'E.,	20.00	m. to point 6;
thence S. 3 deg.	30'E.,	25.00	m. to point 7;
thence S. 19 deg	44'E.,	15.16	m. to point 8;
thence S. 3 deg.	30'E.,	25.00	m. to point 9;
thence S. 3 deg.	30'E.,	25.91	m. to point 10;
thence S. 47 deg.	37'W.,	15.91	m. to point 11;
thence S. 48 deg.	30'E.,	4.00	m. to point 12;
thence S. 3 deg.	30'E.,	7.00	m. to point 13;
thence S. 37 deg.	21'W.,	5.64	m. to point 14;
thence S. 4 deg.	41'W.,	5.64	m. to point 16;

thence S. 28 deg. 04'E.,	5.64	m. to point 17;
thence S. 12 deg. 46'E.,	15.30	m. to point 18;
thence S. 83 deg. 41'W.,	152.89	m. to point 19;
thence S. 63 deg. 06'W.,	40.75	m. to point 20;
thence S. 51 deg. 03'W.,	64.28	m. to point 21;
thence S. 50 deg. 05'W.,	87.55	m. to point 22;
thence N. 55 deg. 32'W.,	57.34	m. to point 23;
thence S. 51 deg. 17'W.,	98.74	m. to point 24;
thence N. 27 deg. 15'W.,	87.00	m. to point 25;
thence N. 8 deg. 30'E.,	19.50	m. to point 26;
thence N. 37 deg. 00'E.,	70.00	m. to point 27;
thence N. 1 deg. 00'E.,	20.00	m. to point 28;
thence S. 86 deg. 10'E.,	97.10	m. to point 29;
thence N. 43 deg. 30'E.,	20.10	m. to point 30;
thence N. 16 deg. 17'E.,	153.70	m. to point of

beginning; containing an area of one HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY SIX (101,856) SQUARE METERS MORE/LESS.

Lot 2

A parcel of land (Lot M-2-C, of the Subdivision plan (LRC) Psd ____, being a portion of Lot M-2 (LRC) Psd-107284, LRC Record No. ____), situated in the barrio of Cadlan, Pili, Camarines Sur, Island of Luzon, Bounded on the NE., along points 1 to 9 by Lot 1-B-2C-1; SE., along points 9 to 10 by Lot M-2-B of the subdivision plan (creek); on the S., along points 9 to 12 by Pongol creek; on the SW., along points 12 to 1 by Lot M-2-D of Subdivision plan; Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan being S. 16 deg. 58'W., 1666.37 m. from MEM No. 1, Barrio of Palestina, Pili, Camarines Sur;

thence S. 72 deg. 22'E.,	239.80	m. to point 2;
thence N. 80 deg. 30'E.,	35.00	m. to point 3;
thence S. 16 deg. 17'W.,	140.00	m. to point 4;
thence N. 86 deg. 10'W.,	97.00	m. to point 5;
thence S. 1 deg. 00'W.,	35.10	m. to point 6;
thence S. 37 deg. 00'E.,	72.00	m. to point 7;
thence S. 8 deg. 29'E.,	25.00	m. to point 8;
thence S. 4 deg. 12'W.,	65.84	m. to point 9;
thence S. 32 deg. 59'W.,	24.00	m. to point 10;
thence S. 70 deg. 44'W.,	15.67	m. to point 11;
thence N. 66 deg. 13'W.,	88.14	m. to point 12;
thence N. 16 deg. 04'W.,	383.44	m. to point of

beginning; containing an area of FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (48,144) SQUARE METERS more or less.

Done in the City of Naga, this 7th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 489

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT BY THE PCSGC
UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1977 BY AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 478, SERIES OF 1976

WHEREAS, the scope of the government corporation study of the Presidential Committee to Study Government Corporations (PCSGC) undertaken pursuant to Executive Order No. 464, as amended by Executive Order No. 478, involves a total of about 145 government corporations, including subsidiaries and entities that are corporate-like in nature;

WHEREAS, because of the considerable work volume involved, it would be desirable to extend the time frame for completing the collation and analysis of the financial and operational data gathered, from both the policy standpoint (macro level) and the viewpoint of the individual firm (micro level); and

WHEREAS, there is therefore need to extend the deadline for the submission of the report of the PCSGC for another six months, from June 30, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 478, series of 1976, is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION. 1. The PCSGC is directed to submit its report and recommendations on or before December 31, 1977.”

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 490

**APPROVING THE CONTINUING AUTOMATIC RELEASES OF THE COCONUT CONSUMERS
STABILIZATION FUND AND THE COCONUT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THE
BENEFIT OF THE COCONUT FARMERS**

WHEREAS, the declared policy of the State, embodied in P.D. 232 enacted on 10 June 1973 and reaffirmed by P.D. 961, is to promote the growth and development of the coconut industry and to achieve a vertical integration thereof so that the coconut farmers become participants in, and beneficiaries of, such growth and development;

WHEREAS, in implementation of the policy of making the coconut farmers participants in, and beneficiaries of, the growth and development of the coconut industry, the Government has consistently maintained the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund, created and established by P.D. 276 and P.D. 414 and re-stated by P.D. 961, and the Coconut Industry Development Fund created by P.D. 582 and re-stated by P.D. 961, as the private funds of the coconut farmers to be employed and utilized for their own direct and immediate benefit;

WHEREAS, P.D. 1234 was enacted solely for the purpose of providing a uniform procedure for the management and control of special and fiduciary funds to the end that the planning and fiscal authorities of the Government shall have full and adequate information in the formulation and implementation of the multifarious developmental projects of the Government; and

WHEREAS, to assure the coconut farmers that the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund and the Coconut Industry Development Fund shall remain as their private funds and shall be employed and utilized for their direct and immediate benefit, it is imperative that the employment and utilization of said funds be clarified in the light of the provisions of P.D. 1234;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by Section 3 of P.D. 1234, do hereby approve and order the continuing automatic releases to the Philippine Coconut Authority of the collections of the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund and the Coconut Industry Development Fund under the following conditions:

Section 1. All funds of the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund and the Coconut Industry Development Fund shall remain as the private funds of the coconut farmers and shall, net of subsidy payments for coconut-based consumer products, be utilized exclusively for their benefit in accordance with the provisions of P.D. 961.

Section 2. All funds of the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund and the Coconut Industry Development Fund shall, upon collection thereof, be immediately deposited, interest free, by the Philippine Coconut Authority with the bank acquired for the benefit of the coconut farmers pursuant to the provisions of P.D. 755, under such terms and conditions as will insure that said bank can service in full the credit requirements of the coconut farmers.

Section 3. The allocation of the collections of the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund levy prescribed by the Governing Board of the Philippine Coconut Authority in its Resolution No. 145-77 is hereby confirmed and shall be the basis for any disbursements therefrom by the Philippine Coconut Authority: PROVIDED, That the bank acquired for the benefit of the coconut farmers under P.D. 755 shall submit for approval of the President any and all investments it is authorized to make under the provisions of Article III, Sections 9 and 10, of P.D. 961.

Section 4. Within thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar year, the Philippine Coconut Authority shall submit to the President a statement showing the total collections of, and the disbursements from, the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund and the Coconut Industry Development Fund, copies of which report shall be furnished to the Secretary of Finance and the Budget Commissioner.

Section 5. Except in respect of the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund and the Coconut Industry Development Fund, which shall be governed by the provisions of the laws creating the same and this Executive Order, the control, management and disposition of all other collections of the Philippine Coconut Authority shall be governed by the provisions of P.D. 1234 and the implementing rules thereof.

Section 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 491

CERTIFYING THAT THE PRODUCTION OF PHTHALIC ANHYDRIDE AS A PREFERRED PIONEER INDUSTRY, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO POST-OPERATIVE TARIFF PROTECTION.

WHEREAS, The Board of Investments has registered Resins, Inc., for the manufacture of phthalic anhydride as a preferred pioneer industry;

WHEREAS, studies conducted by said Board and the Department of Industry indicate that due to increased cost of raw materials, this project to be viable, needs tariff protection in the interim, against competing imported items, which importations constitute a drain in our foreign exchange resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, upon the recommendation of the Board of Investments pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 (c) of Republic Act No. 5186, otherwise known as the Investment Incentives Act, do hereby certify that the production in the Philippines of phthalic anhydride as a preferred pioneer industry shall be entitled to a post-operative tariff protection in the form of increased customs duty on phthalic anhydride, subject to the condition that at any time during its effectivity, the post-operative tariff rate may be modified in accordance with Section Four Hundred One of the Tariff and Customs Code, whenever there is a finding that the existing conditions in the industry warrant such modifications.

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed hereunder as classified under Section 104 of Republic Act Number Nineteen Thirty-Seven as amended by Presidential Decree Number Thirty Four shall pay the following rates of import duty:

<u>Tariff Heading No.</u>	<u>Description of Articles</u>	<u>Rate of Duty</u>
29.15	Polycarboxylic acids and their anhydrides, halides, peroxides and peracids, and their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives:	
	A. Articles not included in subheading	
	B and C hereof including dimethyl terephthalate and terephthalic acid . . .	ad val. 10%
	B. Phthalate plasticisers; esters of	
	phthalic anhydrides	ad val. 50%
	C. Phthalic Anhydrides	ad val. 30%

SECTION 2. Upon the expiration of thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Order, all the above described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of imported duty herein above-prescribed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

Reference: Exhibit I

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 492

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1937, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MARGINS OF TARIFF PREFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARTICLES NEGOTIATED DURING THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 402 of Republic Act No. 1937, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of Republic Act No. 1937, as amended, shall be accorded the margin of tariff preference as specified in column 4 of said Annex "A" hereof. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN indicated in Column 5 of said Annex A.

SECTION 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the abovementioned articles such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding margins of preference indicated in column 4 of Annex A.

SECTION 3. After the effective date of this Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SECTION 4. This Order shall take effect as of 1 January 1978.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

Reference: Annex A

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 493
INCREASING CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE FEES IN THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

WHEREAS, there is a need to update the rates of fees charged for certain administrative services rendered by the Office of the President:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby prescribe the following rates of charges for certain administrative services rendered by the Office of the President:

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| 1. Appeal fee for appeals from the decision of any of the various executive departments and agencies ----- | ₱50.00 |
| 2. Authentication fee ----- | 5.00 |

Pauper litigants duly certified as such in accordance with the Rules of Court shall be exempted from the payment of appeal fee.

Executive Order No. 19, s. 1966, is hereby amended insofar as the appeal fee is concerned.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 494
CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF KAINGINEROS WITHIN
THE MT. MAKILING FOREST RESERVE.

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 1540 dated 12 April 1976, reserves for resettlement purposes 760 hectares of public domain situated in the Municipality of Sampaloc, Province of Quezon;

WHEREAS, the said proclamation was issued for the resettlement of kaingineros within the Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve at Laguna province; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expedite the development of the resettlement area and the establishment of its facilities to realize its purpose at the earliest possible time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct and order:

1. A committee, known as Makiling Kainginero Resettlement Committee, herein known as the Committee, is hereby formally created to be composed of the representatives of the following:

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| a. U.P. at Los Baños | Chairman |
| b. Second PC Zone Commander | Member |
| c. Department of Agrarian Reform | Member |
| d. Department of Public Highways..... | Member |
| e. Department of Local Government and Community Development..... | Member |
| f. Department of Social Services and Development | Member |
| g. Bureau of Forest Development | Member |
| h. Bureau of Lands | Member |
| I. Department of Natural Resources | Member |

The Department Secretaries, Bureau Directors and the Second PC Zone Commander shall appoint their respective representatives to the Committee with the power to replace them if necessary.

2. The functions of the Committee are:

- a. Set up the general guidelines for the integrated development of the resettlement area including the development of the settlers themselves;
- b. Make the development plan of the area including the establishment of the necessary facilities;
- c. Clear the resettlement area of all trees and other vegetations;
- d. Determine the kaingineros in Mt. Makiling to be resettled; and
- e. Supervise and direct, jointly with the agencies involved in the development of the resettlement area, the construction of all facilities necessary therein.

3. The Committee is authorized to:

- a. Call upon any government agency for assistance in the development of the resettlement area;
- b. Disburse funds, subject to the usual government auditing and accounting requirements, for the development of the resettlement area and the operational expenses of the Committee, including the amount deposited with the University of the Philippines at Los Baños coming from the proceeds of harvested timber in the resettlement area during its development;
- c. The Chairman of the Committee shall sign requests for all disbursement of funds under the disposition of the Committee; and
- d. Request for appropriations and/or allotment of funds for the resettlement area and operational expenses of the Committee.

The decision of the majority of the members of the Committee relative to the development of the resettlement area and disbursement of funds thereof shall be final, subject to the approval of the President.

4. The Committee shall submit to the President a quarterly report on the accomplishments, problems and their solutions, and expenditures in the development of the resettlement area.

5. The area proclaimed as a settlement reservation under said Proclamation No. 1540 is hereby segregated and excluded from the timber concession of the International Hardwood & Veneer Company of the Philippines, holder of a timber License Agreement No. 27-A.

6. The clearing of the resettlement area of all trees, except those needed for river bank protection purposes, shall be the responsibility of the Committee.

7. The existing timber inside the resettlement area shall be harvested and the proceeds thereof shall be used for the development of the resettlement area and operational expenses of the Committee.

8. The University of the Philippines at Los Baños is hereby designated as trustee of the fund and shall disburse the same pursuant to existing government accounting and auditing procedures upon request of the Committee.

All orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MALACAÑANG, MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 495
ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE
COMPENSATION DECREE OF 1978

WHEREAS, a Foreign Service Compensation Plan was established by Presidential Decree No. 1285 in an attempt to rationalize the foreign service compensation plan of national government officials and employees;

WHEREAS, the said Decree directs the President to promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations upon recommendation of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Commissioner of the Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations:

Part I. Department of Foreign Affairs Officials and Employees

SECTION 1. Salaries at which Foreign Service Officers may be appointed. -

(a) A person appointed as a Foreign Service Officer of Class IV shall receive a salary at that one of the rates provided for that class, which the Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall, taking into consideration his age, qualifications and experience, determine to be appropriate. Until otherwise changed pursuant to the Foreign Service Compensation Decree, the rates established under P.D. No. 905 shall apply.

(b) A person appointed as Foreign Service Officer of Class II and III, inclusive, shall receive a salary at the minimum rate provided for the class to which he has been appointed.

SEC. 2. - Salaries at which Foreign Service staff officers and employees may be appointed. - A person appointed as a staff officer in Classes I through III or staff employee in Classes I through III, inclusive, shall receive salary at the minimum rate provided for the class to which he is appointed, except as otherwise provided in this Order.

SEC. 3. Salaries of alien clerks and employees. - The basic salary of an alien clerk or employee shall be fixed by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs in the currency of the country of assignment within the limits of available appropriations, giving weight to the rank and duties of the clerk or employee and the prevailing rates of salary at the post. For this purpose, the appointments to positions of alien clerks or employees who are already in the service prior to the approval of this Order shall be revised accordingly so that the annual basic rate shall be in currency of the country of assignment and in an amount that would not result in diminution in existing total take home pay.

SEC. 4. Compensation of Officers Temporarily In-Charge. -

(a) As Charge d'Affaires ad interim. - During the period that any Foreign Service Officer acts as charge d'affaires ad interim at the post to which he is assigned, he shall receive, subject to such

rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, the equivalent of the representation and other allowances of the chief of mission but shall not be given any increase in basic salary.

(b) As Officer-in-Charge of consulate general or consulate. - During the time that any Foreign Service Officer is temporarily in charge of a consulate or consulate general because of the absence or incapacity of the principal officer, he shall receive, subject to such rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, the equivalent of the representation and other allowances to which the principal officer would be entitled were he at his post.

SEC. 5. Classification of Positions in the Foreign Service. - Under such regulations as he may prescribe, the Secretary shall classify all positions in the service, including those positions at foreign posts which may be held by career ministers, and shall allocate all positions occupied or to be occupied by staff officers and employees to classes and grades established by R.A. No. 708, as amended, and by alien employees to such classes and grades as may be established by regulation: Provided, That in case the present incumbent receives a salary more than the amount fixed under this Order, there shall be no diminution in the compensation of such incumbent by providing excess of salary to him while he remains in the same position.

Part II - Allowances of Foreign Service Personnel

SEC. 6. Rates and Policies on Allowances. The President shall approve, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Commissioner of the Budget, rates, maximum allowable amounts and policies on allowances which shall be applicable to all national government employees stationed abroad pursuant to the Foreign Service Compensation Decree.

SEC. 7. Living Quarters Allowance. -

(a) Commutable living quarters allowances shall be granted to officers or employees in the service assigned abroad, who are citizens of the Philippines. Such allowances may cover the rental of quarters including utilities, telephone and other maintenance expenses, which may be revised as to amounts not oftener than once a year with the approval of the President.

(b) On transfer from post, allowances shall cease at the end of the month, following departure therefrom. Commutable living quarters allowance shall be granted at a per annum rate and shall be commuted and paid monthly beginning on the first day of the month following the arrival of the payee at his post of assignment: Provided, however, that the suitability of the said quarters in each post shall be officially certified under oath by the chief of mission or principal officer: And Provided, further, that the equivalent of said allowances corresponding to the first three (3) months following arrival at post shall be paid immediately upon its accrual. On transfer from post, allowances shall cease at the end of the month following departure therefrom;

(c) No living quarters allowances shall be paid to persons occupying government owned, furnished and heated quarters. No allowances shall be paid for quarters occupied free or under arrangements with other parties permitting direct or indirect gain to the claimant or his family;

(d) If a person entitled to living quarters allowance occupies quarters owned by him, his wife or children, he shall be entitled to a quarters allowance equal to fifty (50%) percent rental value of the quarters. The Chief of Mission or Principal Officer, as the case may be,

jointly with the Administrative Officer shall certify under their official oaths the rental value on the face of the case voucher;

(e) In case of detail of the officer or employee from his post of assignment (detail to the Home Office excluded), the quarters allowance shall cease to accrue from the first of the month following the date of his departure unless it can be shown that the rented quarters, used as his residence, has been retained at the post of assignment and the rentals thereof are continued, but in no case shall the allowance continue beyond three months without the prior personal approval of the Department Head. If the officer or employee owns the quarters occupied by him, payment of the allowance shall cease immediately unless otherwise authorized by the Department Head.

(f) In case an officer or employee is on home leave, the allowance shall cease to accrue from the first of the month following the date of his departure from his post unless it can be shown that the rented quarters used as residence, has been retained at the post of assignment, but in no case shall the allowance continue beyond three months. This regulation shall apply also in cases where extended leaves of absence are employed in any other place necessitating departure from the post of assignment. If the officer or employee owns the house occupied by him, the allowance shall be discontinued.

SEC. 8. Overseas Allowance. - Overseas allowance shall be given to any officer or employee in the service assigned abroad, who is a citizen of the Philippines, whenever the following conditions exist, as determined by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

(a) That the cost of living at a post abroad is proportionately so high that an allowance is necessary to enable an officer or employee at such post to carry on this work efficiently;

(b) That extraordinary and necessary expenses, not otherwise compensated for, are incurred by an officer or employee of the Foreign Service incident to the establishment of his residence at his post of assignment;

(c) That an allowance is necessary to assist an officer or employee of the Foreign Service who is compelled by reason of dangerous, notably unhealthful, or excessively adverse living conditions at his post abroad or for the convenience of the Government to meet the additional expense of maintaining assignment.

SEC. 9. Adjustments in the Overseas Allowances. - A Permanent Committee is hereby created, consisting of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs as Chairman and as members, the Commissioner of the Budget and the Governor of the Central Bank, with the objectives of compiling information on foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and price levels abroad and of recommending periodic adjustments in the amount of overseas allowance to foreign service personnel of the national government in each foreign service post: Provided, That official United Nations price indices shall be specifically considered in the Committee's evaluation: Provided, Further, that adjustments shall be made not oftener than once a year: Provided, Finally, That implementation shall be subject to the availability of funds.

SEC. 10. Family Allowance. -

(a) A commutable family allowance shall be granted to any officer or employee assigned abroad who is a citizen of the Philippines and who is living with his family at the post of assignment to a dependent spouse and to each unmarried legal minor dependent

child but not exceeding three (3) in number. If both husband and wife are in the service and assigned in the same post, only one of them may claim the allowance.

(b) No family allowance for spouse shall be payable if the claimant is a widower or widow or separated or when his/her spouse is gainfully employed. However, if claimant has minor unmarried dependent children to support, he shall be entitled to the family allowance for each child but not exceeding three (3) in number.

(c) Unmarried children living with the officer or employee who are mentally and physically retarded regardless of age and who are incapable of supporting themselves shall, for family allowances purposes, be considered as minor children.

(d) Subject to the prior approval of the Department Head, full family allowances may be paid to any claimant (i) who is compelled by reason of dangerous, notably unhealthful or excessively adverse living conditions, or by other unavoidable circumstances like lack of educational facilities for his children at his post of assignment which renders it inadvisable for any or all the members of his family to live with him at his post, or (ii) who, for the convenience of the Government, must live alone without any or all the members of his family at his post of assignment. All other meritorious cases may be considered by the Department Head as the circumstances and the exigencies of the service may warrant.

SEC.11. Post Allowance. -

(a) An allotment of funds may be made by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, to any post to defray the unusual expenses incident to the operation and maintenance of an official residence suitable for the chief diplomatic or consular representative of the Philippines at the post.

(b) Post allowances shall be granted at a per annum rate for fiscal years, beginning on the first day of the month, following arrival at post. On transfer from post, allowances shall cease on the first day of the month following departure therefrom. Post allowances shall be payable only when the officer is on duty status at his station. For the purpose of this allowance, such officer shall be deemed on duty status at his station:

(i) when on temporary duty even outside the city or place where he maintains regular office but remains within the territorial limits of his diplomatic or consular jurisdiction;

(ii) when on temporary duty outside his diplomatic or consular jurisdiction for a consecutive period not exceeding sixty (60) days during which he shall be paid the post allowance. Beyond sixty (60) days, no allowance shall be paid except as specifically approved by the President. Payment of the post allowance shall be resumed only on the date of the actual return within his diplomatic or consular jurisdiction.

(iii) when he is on leave of absence with full pay provided the leave is spent within the territorial jurisdiction of his post. No post allowance shall be paid if the officer goes on leave with pay outside the territorial jurisdiction of his post.

The territorial limits, in case of concurrent jurisdiction shall extend to all the countries or areas comprised in the concurrent office.

(c) No post allowance shall be paid if the officer lives in a hotel as his residence.

SEC. 12. Representation Allowance -

(a) Representation allowances may be granted to chiefs of mission, special envoys, ministers, permanent delegates or representatives of international bodies, principal officers, and other ranking diplomatic officers stationed abroad, in order to enable such officers to uphold the prestige of the Republic of the Philippines, to represent their country with dignity and distinction, and to carry out their functions more effectively.

(b) Representation allowances shall be expended only for purposes which are of a public character, beneficial to the interests of the public service, and connected with the exercise of the functions of the Government in relation to the conduct of foreign affairs. They may be expended for necessary entertainment, charitable contributions, memorials, flowers, gifts, club initiation fee and membership dues, and the like. The officer to whom the allowance is granted may disburse any portion of it to cover necessary entertainment by his subordinates to accomplish certain tasks assigned to them.

(c) Expenses charged to representation allowances must be supported by proper receipts or vouchers if the individual amount of expenditure exceeds fifty (\$50) United States dollars or its equivalent. Where expenses are incurred for entertainment, the voucher must be accomplished by a statement of the officer concerned or by such proof as may be shown that the expenses have been made in the public interest. The documents submitted shall be treated as confidential.

(d) Should special entertaining be necessary because of formal visits of Philippine dignitaries traveling on diplomatic or special passports, the Department Head shall be informed in advance thereof and specific request for funds therefor be made. No such expenses shall be incurred without the prior authorization of the Department Head.

(e) Maximum allowable amounts shall be established for each category of representation allowance in accordance with Sec. 6 of this Order.

SEC. 13. Clothing Allowance - Clothing allowances may be granted to officers and employees of service assigned abroad who are citizen of the Philippines not oftener than once every twelve months in amounts not exceeding five hundred (\$500) United States dollars for chiefs of mission and principal officers, four hundred (\$400) United States dollars for foreign service officers and two hundred fifty (\$250) United States dollars for staff officers and employees.

SEC. 14. Education allowance - Education allowances may be granted to officers and employees assigned abroad who are citizens of the Philippines for their legal dependent children not exceeding three in number, who are enrolled in the primary and elementary. This grant shall not, however, be payable in respect of posts - (a) where free education is provided for and/or (b) where English is the medium of instruction.

The allowance may be granted as reimbursement of actual costs within such maximum amount as shall be fixed by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Budget Commission, with the approval of the President, per school year for each child, subject to presentation of receipts and other evidences of payment of matriculation, tuition, books and other school fees.

SEC. 15. Medical Allowance. -

(a) Foreign service personnel may be required by the Department Secretary concerned, to subscribe to a medical insurance scheme available in the host country. Twenty-five percent

(25%) of the corresponding premiums shall be payable by the personnel concerned and seventy-five percent (75%) thereof shall be borne by the government as its contribution.

(b) In the event of illness or injury requiring hospitalization of a foreign service personnel, not the result of vicious habits, intemperance or misconduct on his part, the government shall reimburse the cost of medical expenses in accordance with the regulation prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section, provided that no medical insurance scheme is available in the post of assignment.

(c) The medical expenses shall cover the cost of hospitalization and/or payment of the services of the attending physician, including travel expenses to and from the hospital or clinic and such other incidental expenses as may be incurred in connection with such hospitalization treatment but not to exceed the amount as fixed pursuant to Sec. 6 hereof. If the foreign service personnel is too ill to travel unattended, the travel expenses if the attendant shall also be paid by the Department.

(d) Only legal dependents of those mentioned in paragraph (a) hereof living with the officer or employee at the post shall be entitled to the medical allowance.

SEC. 16. Relocation Allowance. -

(a) Any officer or employee of the service on assignment to or from a post shall be entitled to an allowance for packing, shipment by usual means of transportation, and unpacking at destination of furniture and other household and personal effects in such amounts and within such limitations as may be prescribed pursuant to Sec. 6 hereof.

(b) This allowance entitles the officer or employee to choose either of the following:

(i) Ship his household goods and personal effects to the authorized destination at the expense of the government in accordance with rules and regulations as the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Commissioner of the Budget may prescribe with the approval of the President, or

(ii) Receive the money value equivalent to 50% of the estimated cost of packing and shipping of the household goods and personal effects to the authorized destination as computed in no. (i) above.

Part III. Assimilated Ranks

SEC. 17. Assignment of Assimilated Ranks. In accordance with Sec. 4 of P.D. No. 1285, the authority to assign assimilated diplomatic ranks to agriculture, commercial, finance, revenue, labor, tourism, science and other civil attaches, and other personnel stationed abroad by other Departments, bureaus, or offices, shall remain with the President, who shall act on the basis of recommendations of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Commissioner of the Budget.

Part IV. Final Provisions

SEC. 18. Supplementary Rules and Regulations. Supplementary rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this Executive Order shall be adopted pursuant to Sec. 6 hereof.

SEC. 19. Availability of Funds. Implementation of rates of compensation, allowances and fringe benefits shall be subject to the availability of funds for the purpose and to specific approval of the President.

SEC. 20. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 496
EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON REORGANIZATION
CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 281, SERIES OF 1970

WHEREAS, continuing administrative reform is a vital component of development administration for securing an efficient and effective machinery in the implementation of the national social and economic development plan;

WHEREAS, the impending change in the political organizational framework would invariably require an assessment of its impact on the entire administrative structure of the government; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the Presidential Commission on Reorganization to continue providing staff assistance and consultative advice to the President, Civil Service Commission, Career Executive Service Board, and other agencies of the government on development administration relative to, among others, reorganization matters, decentralization and regionalization, career executive service, and rationalization of government corporation management.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby extend the term of the Presidential Commission on Reorganization up to December 31, 1978.

The Presidential Executive Assistant shall issue the necessary directives for the detail or the extension of the detail of such technical personnel as may be needed by the Commission, under the same conditions as prescribed in Executive Order No. 281, as amended.

The Commission is authorized to disburse and defray all expenses for its operations from January 1 to December 31, 1978 from funds in the amount of ₱800,000 as may be available from the Office of the President.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 497
CREATING COMMITTEES FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD V)

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government during the Fourth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD IV) in Nairobi, Kenya, offered to host the Fifth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD V) to be held in Manila on 3 May - 1 June 1979, which offer was accepted by the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board at its seventeenth session and approved by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-second session last year;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government attaches great importance to the Conference which will consider vital questions of trade and development affecting particularly the developing countries;

WHEREAS, it is extremely important that such session of considerable magnitude and significance be efficiently organized and that all governmental and non-governmental agencies concerned should cooperate to ensure its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order and establish the following Committees that will take charge of the substantive and physical preparations for the Fifth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the end that the session can bring the desired results to the country and the international community;

1) Committee on Substantive Matters

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall be the Chairman, the Secretary of Trade as Co-Chairman, and the Secretary of Finance as Vice-Chairman and the Secretary of Economic Planning as Co-Vice-Chairman. The members of the Committee shall be the Secretary of Industry, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of Social Services and Development, the Secretary of Tourism, Secretary of Public Information, the Governor of the Central Bank, and the President of the Philippine National Bank.

2) Committee on Conference Arrangements

The Committee shall be in charge of preparation for conference facilities and services. The Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs shall be the Chairman, the Undersecretary of Trade as Co-Chairman, and the Assistant Secretary for United Nations Affairs and International Conferences, Department of Foreign Affairs, as Vice-Chairman. The Representatives of the Departments of Finance, Economic Planning, Tourism, Public Works, Industry, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Public Information, and of the Central Bank, Philippine National Bank, Budget Commission, Immigration Commission, Metro-Manila Commission, the Presidential Security Command, and the National Media Production Center, shall serve as members of this Committee.

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall establish a system of per diems and allowances, for secretariat and other services.

The Chairman of each Committee is hereby empowered to request any agency of the Philippine Government to assist in the discharge of the Committees duties and responsibilities and to designate such personnel, including consultants, it may require for the purpose.

The Budget Commission is hereby directed to appropriate and release the amount of ₱17,550.00 for the financial and operational requirements of the Committees from the Special Activities Fund for 1978.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 31st day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 498
EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENT
CORPORATIONS CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 464, SERIES OF 1976

WHEREAS, the corporate study being undertaken is essential in developing policy recommendations to rationalize the management of government corporations;

WHEREAS, the Presidential Committee to Study Government Corporations (PCSGC) is currently finalizing its initial report mainly on the macro phase of the corporate study relative to the efficient and effective management of government corporations for consideration by the President; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the PCSGC to continue for another six months in order to complete the study and develop further recommendations particularly at the micro level (individual corporation).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby extend the term of the PCSGC up to June 30, 1978.

SECTION 1. The Committee is directed to submit its initial report on or before February 28, 1978 and a final report on or before June 30, 1978.

SECTION 2. An appropriation of ₱300,000 is authorized for the incurrence of operating and necessary expenditures in connection with the study of government corporations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MALACAÑANG, MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 499
GOVERNING THE RELEASE OF TRAVEL TAXES COLLECTED UNDER R.A. NO. 1478
AND 6141 (AS AMENDED)

WHEREAS, travel taxes collected under R.A. No. 1478 and 6141, as amended by P.D. No. 1183 and 1205 are the primary sources of funding for the operating expenses of the Philippine Tourism Authority, including those for tourism development projects approved by the President;

WHEREAS, P.D. No. 1234 institutes a procedure for the management of Special and Fiduciary Funds of the national government;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have an efficient mechanism for the release of travel tax proceeds to the Philippine Tourism Authority while maintaining an adequate system of fiscal control.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by Sec. 3 of P.D. No. 1234, do hereby approve and order a fund release mechanism to the Philippine Tourism Authority of travel tax proceeds:

Sec. 1. All proceeds of the travel tax shall be utilized exclusively for the operations and special projects of the Philippine Tourism Authority, subject to the approval of Special Budgets as provided for by Sec. 40 of P.D. No. 1177: Provided, That funds for regular operating expenses shall be automatically released by the Budget Commission upon approval of the agency's staffing pattern and estimates of maintenance and operating expenditures and of equipment requirements: Provided, Further, That fund releases for expenditures on capital outlays and special undertakings shall be subject to specific approval by the President.

Sec. 2. Collections from the travel tax shall be remitted to the Treasury in accordance with existing rules and regulations. The needs of the Philippine Tourism Authority shall be funded through the usual budgetary and fund release mechanism, which shall be done on an annual basis for current operating expenditures and on a case to case basis for special projects and capital outlays. Fund releases during CY 1978 shall be made from the General Fund Adjustments item in P.D. No. 1250. The estimates of budgetary requirements for CY 1979 and subsequent years shall be duly provided for in the General Appropriations Decrees and supported by travel tax proceeds.

Sec. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 500
ESTABLISHING A NEW SYSTEM OF CAREER PROGRESSION FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

WHEREAS, there is need to encourage excellent teachers to remain as classroom teachers.

WHEREAS, the existing system paradoxically removes from the classroom those who are recognized for excellence in classroom teaching;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to recognize the teaching ability of teachers not by promoting them or shifting them to administrative responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order the following measures to establish a new system of career progression for public school teachers:

Section 1. Statement of Policy. It is necessary to establish a system of career progression and promotion for public school teachers that attaches a premium to classroom effectiveness, and that allows teachers to remain in the classroom while advancing in stature and compensation. Classroom teachers shall be given the option of choosing alternative career lines in School Administration or in Classroom Teaching, for purposes of advancement. The system shall provide for equivalence in duties, recognition and compensation, for persons choosing either career line.

Section 2. School Administration Career. A classroom teacher opting for a career in school administration shall be classified, upon promotion, within the School Administration Group. The existing classes in the Group shall be maintained, consisting of District Supervisor, Elementary Principal III, Elementary Principal II, and Elementary Principal I or Head Teacher, unless otherwise modified pursuant to existing rules and regulations.

Section 3. Classroom Teaching Career. New classes in the Teaching Group shall be created as follows: Master Teacher I, Master Teacher II, Master Teacher III and Master Teacher IV. A Classroom teacher opting for a career in classroom teaching shall be classified, upon promotion, within these new classes in the Teaching Group.

Section 4. Equivalence in Classes. The new classes in the Teaching group shall be equivalent to existing classes in the School Administration Group as follows, until modified under existing rules and regulations:

District Supervisor - Master Teacher IV
Elementary Principal III - Master Teacher III
Elementary Principal II - Master Teacher II
Elementary Principal I or Head Teacher 5 - Master Teacher I

Section 5. Choice of Career Path. The position of elementary grade teacher shall form the base of the career system. At the proper time, an elementary grade teacher may be promoted either to Master Teacher I or to Elementary Principal - Head Teacher thus committing the teacher to his chosen career path. Individuals who become Elementary Principal or Head Teacher shall continue upwards in the School Administration Career line while teachers who become Master Teacher I shall continue upwards

in the Classroom Teacher Career line: Provided, That there shall be no switching from one career line to another unless it is clearly demonstrated that the individual possesses all the necessary qualifications for the other career line, that exceed those of individuals who otherwise may also be considered for any existing vacancy: Provided, Further, that both District Supervisors and Master Teachers IV may be considered for promotion to the next higher position in the service.

Section 6. Professional Administrators. Recognizing the existence of School Administration as a new professional field, a new Professional Teacher may be appointed to an administrative position in the School Administration Career line, e.g., as Head Teacher, upon passing an examination which shall be given for the purpose and administered jointly by the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Education and Culture: Provided, That the new appointee meets the other qualifications required for the position and that elementary grade teachers in the service may also take such examination in order to qualify for administrative positions, and Provided, Further, that present incumbents of Head Teacher positions who aspire for promotion to higher positions in the professional administration field shall likewise be required to take appropriate examination for the purpose of determining their competence for the position.

Section 7. Creation of Master Teacher Positions. The Itemization of Personal Services of the National Government shall provide for the creation of Master Teacher positions in order to implement this Executive Order; Provided, That no less than 15,000 Master Teacher I positions shall be created beginning School Year 1979-80 and that an adequate number of higher Master Teacher positions shall be created beginning School Year 1980-81, subject to availability of funds.

Section 8. Rules and Regulations. The rules and regulations necessary for effective implementation of this Executive Order shall be promulgated by the Civil Service Commission, the Department of Education and Culture and the Budget Commission.

Section 9. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 501
CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CELEBRATION OF
PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON 12 JUNE 1978.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a national committee to take charge of the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 1978.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Education & Culture	Chairman
The Secretary of Public Information	Vice Chairman
The Commissioner of the Budget	Member
The Presidential Assistant on National Minorities	Member
The Presidential Assistant on Legal Affairs	Member
The Undersecretary of Public Works	Member
The Undersecretary of Labor	Member
The Undersecretary of National Defense	Member
The Undersecretary of Trade	Member
The Undersecretary of Local Gov'ts. and Community Development	Member
The Undersecretary of Tourism	Member
The Undersecretary of Youth and Sports Development	Member
The Mayor of Manila	Member
The Chairman, National Historical Commission	Member
The Director, National Media Production Center	Member
The President, Philippine Assn. of Colleges and Universities	Member
The President, Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines	Member
The Presidential Protocol Officer	Member-Secretary

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and for the purpose of discharging its functions, may create its sub-committees as may be necessary.

The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its duties and function.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 502
CREATING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE PLANNING AND
EXECUTION OF COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR THE 1978 MANUEL L. QUEZON
NATIONAL CENTENNIAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the year 1978 marks the birth centenary of the late MANUEL LUIS QUEZON, first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and one of the foremost leaders and statement of our country; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed proper and fitting to commemorate his centennial year with appropriate activities and/or ceremonies to impress our people of the invaluable contributions of this great leader to the political emancipation of our nation and the enhancement of our national growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute and create an Executive Committee to formulate plans and devise ways and means for the successful execution of appropriate activities and/or ceremonies for the commemoration of the 1978 Manuel L. Quezon National Centennial Year. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Hon. Pio Pedrosa	– Chairman
Hon. Jorge B. Vargas	– Co-Chairman
Hon. Emilio Abello	– " "
Hon. Anacleto Alcala, Governor of Quezon Province	– " "
Hon. Adelina S. Rodriguez, Mayor of Quezon City	– Vice-Chairman
Hon. Luis Etcubanez, Lieutenant Governor, Sub-province of Aurora	– " "
Hon. Estrello T. Ong, Mayor of Baler, Quezon	– " "
Hon. Jose Roño, Secretary of Local Government and Community Development	– Vice-Chairman
Hon. Juan Manuel, Secretary of Education and Culture	– " "
Hon. Cesar Virata, Secretary of Finance	– Member
Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, Secretary of National Defense	– "
Mrs. Zenaida Quezon Avanceña	– "
Mr. Manuel L. Quezon, Jr.	– "
Rev. Pacifico Ortiz	– "
Mr. Serapio Canceran	– "
Hon. Esteban de Ocampo	– "
Three other members appointed by the President of the Philippines.	

The Committee shall coordinate with the National Historical Institute which is designated in a separate proclamation to coordinate with the Committee in the celebration of the centennial year. The Chairman is hereby empowered to request any agency of the Government to assist in the discharge of the Committee's functions and duties and to designate such personnel it may require for the purpose.

The Budget Commission is hereby directed to appropriate the amount of ₱500,000 out of the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to carry out the commemorative activities and/or ceremonies the Committee will undertake.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 503
CREATING A PHILIPPINE COUNTERPART FOR THE PERMANENT JOINT PHILIPPINE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC TRADE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the opening of diplomatic and trade relations with the German Democratic Republic can contribute towards the Philippine Government's objective of export and market diversification as well as tapping alternative sources of imports;

WHEREAS, being able to share in the demand generated by the German Democratic Republic's growing economy will benefit the Philippines by way of increased trade;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines and the German Democratic Republic, desiring to strengthen direct trade relations between them in accordance with their development and trade needs and objectives and on the basis of equality and mutual benefit have entered into a Trade Agreement on December 7, 1977;

WHEREAS, Article 13 of the Trade Agreement states that "The Contracting Parties shall meet at least once a year and consult each other at the request of either of them on all matters of mutual interest as well as on the necessary measures aiming at the expansion of mutual cooperation and trade relations concerning the implementation of the present Agreement."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby create a PERMANENT JOINT PHILIPPINE-GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TRADE COMMITTEE with the following composition:

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| 1. The Secretary Department of Trade | - Chairman |
| 2. The President Philippine International Trading Corporation | - Vice-Chairman |
| 3. The Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs Department of Foreign Affairs | - Member |
| 4. The Assistant Director General National Economic and Development Authority | - Member |
| 5. The Assistant Secretary Department of Natural Resources | - Member |
| 6. The Assistant Secretary Department of Agriculture | - Member |
| 7. The Assistant to the Governor Central Bank of the Philippines | - Member |
| 8. A Representative from the Board of Investments | - Member |

FURTHER, an inter-agency sub-committee at technical level is hereby created to provide advisory, technical and secretariat support to the Committee. Its membership shall be derived from the agencies of the Philippine government enumerated above with the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Trade as Chairman.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 504

DIRECTING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT TO MAKE AN EXAMINATION INTO THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS, ADMINISTRATION AND CONDITION OF PAYORS OF THE COCONUT CONSUMERS STABILIZATION FUND LEVY AND OF MANUFACTURERS OF SUBSIDIZED COCONUT-BASED PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, by means of the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund (“CCSF”), essential coconut-based products are made available to household consumers at socialized prices;

WHEREAS, there are reports tending to indicate that there are irregularities in the collection of the CCSF levy from the payors thereof and in the payments to subsidy recipients;

WHEREAS, the protection of the CCSF is a matter of public interest;

WHEREAS, for that purpose, it is imperative that the Government conduct an audit of all payors of the CCSF levy and of all subsidy recipients;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the inherent visitorial power of the State, and, pursuant to Section 54 of Act 1459, as amended (the “Corporation Law”), hereby order the Chairman of the Commission on Audit to make an examination into the business affairs, administration and condition, up to and as of the date hereof, of any entity required to pay the CCSF levy imposed under P.D. 276, as amended, and as reiterated in P.D. 961, and of any manufacturer of coconut-based products which may have received any amount as subsidy from collections of the CCSF levy.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 31st day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 505
REVOKING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 287, SERIES OF 1959, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 374, SERIES OF 1960, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LOW PLATE NUMBERS
BY HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

Executive Order No. 287, series of 1959 and Executive Order No. 374, series of 1960, authorizing high government officials to use low plate numbers for their cars are hereby revoked.

Heretofore, the Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications and the Chairman of the Land Transportation Commission are hereby directed not to issue low plate numbers for the official use of high government officials.

All low plate numbers that may have been issued in the past are hereby cancelled or withdrawn. Anybody caught using low plate numbers will be subjected to disciplinary action.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 506
EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENT
CORPORATIONS CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 464, SERIES OF 1976

WHEREAS, the initial report of the Presidential Committee to Study Government Corporations (PCSGC) has already been reviewed and is pending revision which would reflect changes or modifications resulting from the review process; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable in finalizing the Committee's report to take into careful consideration its implications on the Philippine government's shift to the parliamentary system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. The term of the Presidential Committee to Study Government Corporations (PCSGC) is extended up to September 30, 1978 and it is further directed that the Committee submit its report to the President/Prime Minister on or before said date.

Sec. 2. An appropriation of ₱150,000.00 is authorized for the use of the Committee, in addition to whatever unexpended balance it may have out of its existing appropriation as of June 30, 1978.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 507
IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL 10% SALES TAX ON IMPORTED AIRCONDITIONING UNITS,
COMPONENTS AND PARTS

WHEREAS, local manufacturers of airconditioning units, components and parts are registered under an existing local content program of the Board of Investments;

WHEREAS, the Board of Investments have determined, thru a yearly review of local capability, the components which can be locally manufactured, and have required their manufacture and/or use, in lieu of imported components, by existing assemblers;

WHEREAS, these assemblers have invested time and money to manufacture these components;

WHEREAS, it is unfair to treat them, taxwise, as importers or mere assemblers of said product out of imported components;

WHEREAS, to protect our local airconditioning industry, a tax differential for locally manufactured and imported airconditioning units, components and parts must be restored;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by Section 193(c) of Presidential Decree No. 1358, do hereby order as follows:

Sec. 1. There shall be levied, assessed and collected an additional ten (10%) per cent sales tax on imported airconditioning units, components and parts, which shall be in addition to the twenty-five (25%) per cent sales tax imposed under Section 196 and Section 193(b) of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner.

Sec. 2. For purposes of the additional ten (10%) per cent sales tax herein imposed, all airconditioning units which have not been certified by the Board of Investments as “locally manufactured” shall be deemed to be imported. All imported airconditioning components and parts other than those which are of common and general use and those which are specifically authorized to be imported under the local content or rationalization program of the Board of Investments for the airconditioning industry, shall likewise be subject to the additional ten (10%) per cent sales tax.

Sec. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 508

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE, KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MARGINS OF TARIFF PREFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARTICLES NEGOTIATED DURING THE THIRD MEETING OF THE TRADE PREFERENCES NEGOTIATING GROUP AND THE FIFTH AND SIXTH MEETINGS OF THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 402 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, shall be accorded the margin of tariff preference as specified in Column 4 of said Annex "A" hereof. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Presidential Tariff for ASEAN indicated in Column 5 of said Annex "A".

SECTION 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the above-mentioned articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding margins of preference indicated in Column 4 of Annex "A".

SECTION 3. After the effective date of this order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouses in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SECTION 4. This order shall take effect as of September 1, 1978.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

Reference: Annex A

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 509
CREATING THE GENERAL MILITARY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the maintenance of peace and order and the safeguarding of our national security depend on an intelligent and periodic review and assessment of the military situation of the country;

WHEREAS, this could be enhanced by the collective and timely data and advice which could be provided by key military officers and officials concerned with these matters;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the President be informed and advised on military matters from time to time so that needed policies could be formulated and implemented and that necessary measures could be taken to promote peace and order and protect our national security; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a council for the purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the General Military Council to be composed of the following:

The President of the Philippines	Chairman
The Minister of National Defense	Member
The Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines	Member
The Vice Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines	Member
The Commanding General, Philippine Army	Member
The Chief, Philippine Constabulary	Member
The Commanding General, Philippine Air Force	Member
The Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy	Member
The Director General, NISA	Member
The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (J-1)	Member
The Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (J-2)	Member
The Deputy Chief of Staff for Operation (J-3)	Member
The Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistic (J-4)	Member
The Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans (J-5)	Member
The Deputy Chief of Staff for Comptrollership (J-6)	Member
The Deputy Chief of Staff for Home (J-7)	Member
The Adjutant General	Member
The Judge Advocate General	Member
The Surgeon General	Member
The Chief, Dental Service	Member
The Chief, Nurse Corps	Member
The Chief of Engineers	Member
The Provost Marshall	Member
The Chief of Chaplains	Member
The Chief of Communication Electronics	Member

Whenever the President calls a meeting of the Council, he may at his discretion include all field commanders, including provincial commanders, task force commanders, and regional commanders or such officers of the military or defense establishments or civil governance as he may decide;

The Council shall, from time to time, review the problems and status of our national security and other related military matters and shall submit its findings and recommendations to the President.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 510
CREATING COMMITTEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOSTING BY THE
PHILIPPINES OF THE 35TH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION
FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP).

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government has offered to host, and which offer has been accepted, the 35th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to be held in Manila from 5 to 16 March 1979;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government attaches great importance to the Conference which will consider vital questions of development, affecting particularly the developing countries;

WHEREAS, it is extremely important that such a meeting is efficiently organized and that all agencies concerned, governmental and non-governmental, should cooperate and coordinate with one another to ensure its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the following Committees for the 35th Session of ESCAP in order that the meeting may be organized and run efficiently:

1. Committee on Substantive Matters

The Permanent Inter-Agency Technical Committee on ESCAP Matters created under NEDA Memorandum Order 20-76 is hereby designated as the Committee on Substantive Matters. The Committee on Substantive Matters shall be responsible for the technical and substantive work preparatory to and during the conference proper.

2. Committee on Conference Arrangements

This Committee shall be in-charge of preparations for conference facilities and services. The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs shall be the Chairman, the Deputy Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority as Co-Chairman, and the Assistant Minister for United Nations Affairs and International Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Vice-Chairman. The representatives of the Central Bank, Ministry of Public Information, Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, Bureau of Customs, Ministry of Tourism, Metro Manila Commission, National Media Production Center, Land Transportation Commission, Budget Commission, Ministry of Social Services and Development, Philippine International Convention Center, Presidential Security Command and Immigration Commission shall serve as members of this Committee.

The Chairman of each Committee is hereby empowered to request any agency or instrumentality of the Philippine Government to assist in the discharge of the Committees' duties and responsibilities and to designate such personnel, including consultants, it may require for the purpose.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall establish a system of per diems and allowances, for secretariat and other services.

The Budget Commission is hereby directed to appropriate and release the amount of ₱360,000.00 in 1978 and ₱2,000,000.00 only in 1979 under the Commitments to International Conferences for the hosting of the session.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 511
**STRENGTHENING THE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
AND CULTURE OVER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the degree of supervision exercised by the Ministry of Education and Culture over public and private colleges and universities be strengthened so that all activities, programs and projects in the field of education can be better coordinated and directed towards the attainment of national objectives;

WHEREAS, it is also desirable that the responsibility for administering an improved system of supervision of public and private colleges and universities be identified within the organizational structure of the Ministry of Education and Culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me under the Constitution, and pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1416 do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Any provision of law, decree, instruction or order to the contrary notwithstanding, the Bureau of Higher Education shall process, review and recommend to the Minister of Education and Culture for integration the plans, programs and budgets of public colleges and universities. No action shall be taken by concerned school authorities of such colleges and universities on such plans, programs and budgets unless the same shall have been first acted upon in the Ministry of Education and Culture.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Higher Education shall prepare and recommend to the Minister of Education and Culture for adoption and promulgation appropriate standards and guidelines which shall apply to personnel recruitment, movement and discipline in both public and private colleges and universities. It shall be the responsibility of the Bureau of Higher Education to monitor the implementation of, and compliance with such standards and guidelines and the Director of the Bureau of Higher Education shall make recommendations thereon to the Minister of Education and Culture.

SEC. 3. The Minister of Education and Culture may, upon order of the President at any time, conduct an examination of the operations, administration, condition and affairs in general of any public or private college or university. The school authorities concerned shall make available for such examination all documents, papers and records of the college or university involved. The Minister of Education and Culture may conduct the examination through his duly designated representatives, and they shall have the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum for the purpose of such examination.

SEC. 4. The Minister of Education and Culture may call on any department, bureau, office, agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of the government including private educational institutions for cooperation and assistance in the performance of its duties and functions. Refusal of any such office or official to cooperate with and assist the Ministry shall subject the official concerned to administrative disciplinary action.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, instructions or orders or parts or provisions thereof inconsistent with this Order shall be, as they are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 512
CREATING A TASK FORCE ON THE FORMULATION OF A NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAM
ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, it is recognized that science and technology is a critical resource in the promotion of national development and improvement of people's well-being;

WHEREAS, it is a constitutional responsibility to strengthen and develop science and technology to the fullest possibility as per Article XIV Section 4 of the Philippine Constitution;

WHEREAS, an effective solution to the problems confronting the country requires a science and technology program responsive to and effective in meeting our national development goals and objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. It is hereby declared that for the purpose of supporting national development for the benefit of majority of the people, a competent study be conducted to formulate a national action program on science and technology development and delivery.

Section 2. It is hereby further declared that a national action program on science and technology be formulated in conjunction with the aforementioned study, to consist of the following:

- a. Overall program plan on science and technology development and delivery which provides policy guidelines, priority programs and general scheme for development in this concern;
- b. Project studies, which must include, but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) identification and establishment of a network of research institutes necessary to support the needs of industry and of government according to prioritized key sectors, to include determination of manpower, resource and organizational requirements;
 - (2) formulation of a program on the utilization of Filipino expertise here and abroad, to include schemes on how such experts may be mobilized to support national development efforts and a review and assessment of the Balik-Scientist program and the Science Attache System;
 - (3) development and organization of an inter-linked information system on science and technology in order to systematically organize the necessary foreign and local information base and monitor developments on science and technology;
- c. Technology delivery programs and impact projects relating to, but not limited to, agricultural development, industrial development, infrastructure programs and delivery of social services.

Section 3. To achieve the above mentioned purposes and objectives, there is hereby created a Task Force on the Formulation of a National Action Programs on Science and Technology.

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- a. The Task Force shall be composed of the Chairman of the National Science Development Board as Chairman and the following as members:

- (1) The Director General
National Economic and Development Authority
- (2) The Minister
Ministry of Industry
- (3) The Minister
Ministry of Agriculture
- (4) The Minister
Ministry of Energy
- (5) The Minister
Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications
- (6) The Minister
Ministry of Health
- (7) The Minister
Ministry of Education
- (8) The Deputy Minister
Ministry of Human Settlements
- (9) The Director General
Technology Resource Center
- (10) The Director
National Manpower and Youth Development Council

- b. The specific functions, duties and powers of the Task Force are as follows:

- (1) To assess current and proposed policies, programs and structure of science and technology;
- (2) To provide guidelines on the formulation of projects and plans constituting the action program on science and technology;
- (3) To determine technology delivery pilot projects relating to but not limited to agricultural development, industrial development, infrastructure programs and delivery of social services;
- (4) To establish and supervise a Task Force working staff which shall provide support services;
- (5) To contract academic and research institutions and consultancy services in specified areas as may be deemed necessary to further the achievement of its objectives;
- (6) To call upon the staff of the member and any agencies or instrumentality of the Government for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its duties and functions;
- (7) To undertake and perform such other activities as are needful and desirable to promote the attainment of the aforementioned purposes and objectives.

Section 4. In carrying out these directives, the Task Force shall be supported by a working staff headed by an Executive Director, for the Technology Resource Center, the National Science Development Board and the member of any agencies as may be called upon by the Task Force.

Section 5. The Chairman of the Task Force shall:

- a. Preside over meetings of the Task Force;
- b. Receive gifts or donations in whatever form and from whatever source;
- c. Administer, obligate and disburse appropriations, gifts, or donations upon approval by a majority of the members of the Task Force.

Section 6. The Chairman of the Task Force may constitute ad hoc committees consisting of the members of the Task Force and such other experts as are necessary to assist the Task Force in the discharge of its functions.

Section 7. For this purpose, the Budget Commission shall allocate such amount as may be necessary as determined and recommended by the Task Force.

Section 8. The Task Force shall submit its report to the President as soon as possible.

Section 9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 513
REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to implement an integrated program for the planning, development, financing and operation of ports or port districts for the entire country;

WHEREAS, to carry out and implement the foregoing policy, Presidential Decree No. 857 dated December 23, 1975, otherwise known as the Revised Charter of the Philippine Ports Authority, was promulgated;

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need to reorganize the Philippine Ports Authority, in order to make it more responsive to the requirements of optimum port utilization, development and operation;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Ports Authority has already completed the takeover of all the ports in the country, and is fully operational as of January 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1416 grants continuing authority to the President of the Philippines to reorganize the national government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order the reorganization of the Philippine Ports Authority through the amendment of Presidential Decree No. 857 otherwise known as the Charter of the Philippine Ports Authority, as follows:

Section 1. Section 6, paragraph a) subparagraph (x) of the decree is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(x) To perform such acts or provide such services as may be deemed proper or necessary to carry out and implement the provisions of this Decree, including the adoption of necessary measures to remedy congestion in any government port, and in coordination with the Bureau of Customs in the case of ports of entry.

All subsequent paragraphs are hereby re-numbered accordingly.

Sec. 2. Section 6 is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

Section 6-c. Police Authority – The Authority shall have such police authority within the ports administered by it as may be necessary to carry out its powers and functions and attain its purposes and objectives, without prejudice to the exercise of the functions of the Bureau of Customs and other law enforcement bodies within the area. Such police authority shall include the following:

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- a) To provide security to cargoes, port equipment, structure, facilities, personnel and documents: Provided, however, That in ports of entry, physical security to import and export cargoes shall be exercised jointly with the Bureau of Customs;
 - b) To regulate the entry to, exit from, and movement within the port, of persons and vehicles, as well as movement within the port of watercraft;
 - c) To maintain peace and order inside the port, in coordination with local police authorities;
 - d) To supervise private security agencies operating within the port area; and
 - e) To enforce rules and regulations promulgated by the Authority pursuant to law.

Sec. 3. Section 8(b) of the decree is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(b) All other officials and employees of the Authority shall be selected and appointed on the basis of merit and fitness based on a comprehensive and progressive merit system to be established by the Authority immediately upon its organization and consistent with Civil Service rules and regulations, provided, however, that all professional and technical positions shall be considered policy determining, primarily confidential and highly technical in nature. “The recruitment, transfer, promotion, and dismissal of all personnel of the Authority, including temporary workers, shall be governed by such merit system.”

Sec. 4. Article V of the decree is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

“Section 9-A. National Port Advisory Council – There is hereby created a National Port Advisory Council to be composed of the General Manager of the Philippine Ports Authority as Chairman and a representative each from the Ministry of Labor, the Bureau of Customs, chambers of commerce and industry, import and export associations, the local shipping companies, the foreign shipping companies, arrastre and stevedoring companies, consumers group, shippers council and such other aggrupations as the Authority may deem expedient as members, which shall act as an advisory body to assist the Authority in the formulation of its policies.”

Sec. 5. Section 10, paragraph a) of the decree is hereby amended to read as follows:

“a) The authorized capital of the Authority is hereby increased from three billion pesos to five billion pesos.”

Sec. 6. Section 28, paragraph c) of the decree is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 28. Powers of Harbor Master. – Further to the provisions of any regulation under Sections 26 and 27 of this Decree, the Authority thru the Harbor Master of a Port or Port District may:

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c) Regulate the mooring of vessels and determine the site of loading and unloading of cargoes within the port in coordination with the Bureau of Customs in the case of ports of entry and other government agencies concerned.

The Bureau of Customs shall continue to designate the port of entry for incoming vessels.”

Sec. 7. Section 37 of the decree is hereby amended as follows:

“Section 37. Construction and Maintenance Projects. –

a) The Authority shall be responsible for:

- (1) general planning, feasibility studies, preliminary engineering, and prioritization of construction projects in public ports whether proposed or existing;
- (2) maintenance dredging of public ports taken over by the Authority, involving the deepening of fairways, navigational channels, and slips to restore them to the original designed depths; and
- (3) repair and maintenance of public ports taken over by the Authority.

all in accordance with detailed guidelines and program prescribed by the Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Communications or as often as may be required by the President.

Every year, the Authority shall submit a budget of expenditures from corporate and other funds for the approval of the Ministry of the Budget and the President.

b) The Bureau of Public Works shall serve as the executing agency of the Authority for:

- (1) detailed engineering of construction projects in public ports;
- (2) construction, including extension, expansion, and reconstruction of public ports, whether by contract or force account;
- (3) construction dredging and reclamation of public ports; and
- (4) supervision of construction projects in public ports.

all in accordance with the general plans, project priorities, and programs of the Authority, the detailed guidelines prescribed by the Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, and the pertinent provisions of law;

c) Funds from the General Revenue of the National Government authorized for construction projects in public ports shall be released directly to and disbursed by the Bureau of Public Works in accordance with approved general plans, project priorities, and programs of the Authority;

d) Expenditures for construction projects in public ports not funded from general funds shall be approved by the President upon recommendation of the Minister of the Budget;

e) Before undertaking any detailed engineering or construction project in public ports financed out of corporate funds of the Authority, the Bureau of Public Works shall

submit to the Authority, for approval, a program of work and expenditures indicating, among other things, the items of work and activities of the project, estimates of costs, and schedule of implementation. Thereafter, a detailed engineering plan or design shall be submitted to the Authority;

f) The Bureau of Public Works shall submit to the Authority periodic progress reports on the status of project implementation.”

Sec. 8. Section 39 of the decree is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 39. Bureau of Customs. – The Tariff and Customs Code is hereby modified or amended to the extent that all the powers, duties and jurisdiction of the Bureau of Customs concerning the following matters shall be transferred to and be vested in the Authority:

a) All dues, fees and rates collectible on vessels and cargoes under Title VII but excluding Part VII of the Code, as amended by P.D. 34, regardless of the port or place of call of the vessel, whether on government or private port.”

Sec. 9. Section 43 of the decree is hereby amended by adding paragraph c which shall read as follows:

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“(c) The Authority shall have the power to exact reasonable administrative fines in such specific amounts and for such specific violations arising out of the use of the port, as shall be prescribed in rules and regulations which the Authority is hereby authorized to issue for the purpose.

Subject to additions as may be specified in duly promulgated rules and regulations, the following fines shall be imposed for each violation as indicated hereunder:

- 1) Vessel maneuvering for berth or anchor without the necessary pilot in ports declared under compulsory pilotage by regulations, a fine not exceeding ten thousand pesos;
- 2) Vessel berthing or mooring or loading or unloading of cargo in places and time not specified or authorized or shifting from its duly authorized berth without permission to do so by the Authority, a fine not exceeding five thousand pesos for domestic vessel and not exceeding ten thousand pesos for overseas vessel;
- 3) Vessel departing from the port without clearance or permission from the Authority, a fine not exceeding three thousand pesos for domestic vessel and not exceeding ten thousand pesos for overseas vessel;
- 4) Vessel allowing loading or unloading by cargo handling operator not duly authorized by the Authority, a fine not exceeding five thousand pesos;
- 5) Vessels left without marine officer on board and necessary complement to move the same when directed by the Authority due to necessity, a fine not exceeding three thousand pesos;

- 6) Operator shifting cargo in the port or authorizing withdrawal or entry of cargo in port for stacking without clearance from the Authority, a fine not exceeding two thousand pesos;
- 7) Vessel dumping or causing to spread crude oil, kerosene or gasoline in the bay or at the piers within three miles from the nearest coastline, a fine not less than one thousand pesos;
- 8) Vessel anchoring at any dock, pier, wharf, quay or bulk-head without rat guards, a fine not exceeding two hundred pesos for coastwise vessel, and not exceeding one thousand pesos for overseas vessel;
- 9) Vessel dumping garbage or slops over the side within three miles from the nearest coastline, a fine not exceeding one thousand pesos;
- 10) Vessel loading gasoline at a place other than that designated by the regulations, a fine not exceeding one thousand pesos;
- 11) Vessel causing the emission and spread of harmful gas, fumes and chemicals, a fine not exceeding one thousand pesos;
- 12) Vessel conducting unauthorized repair work on board, a fine not exceeding one thousand pesos; and
- 13) Commercial vehicles violating the regulation on from exit and entry to the port area, a fine not less than ten (P10) pesos nor more than five hundred (P500) pesos.

Sec.10. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Executive Order is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions of this Executive Order which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

Sec. 12. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect upon its promulgation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MALACAÑANG, MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 514
PRESCRIBING NEW SALARY RATES FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order and direct that effective January 1, 1978, the following rates of salary shall apply to the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission:

Chairman	CESO II, Grade III
Member	CESO III, Grade III

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 515
TRANSFERRING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAMBANSANG KATIPUNAN
NG KABATAANG BARANGAY NG PILIPINAS FROM THE MLGCD TO
THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1191 created the Pambansang Katipunan ng Kabataang Barangay ng Pilipinas, to be referred to as the KB Pambansang Katipunan, as a corporation directly under the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, there is a need to transfer the Calendar Year 1979 appropriation for the KB Pambansang Katipunan from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development to the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, the President has continuing authority under Presidential Decree No. 1416 to, among other things, transfer appropriations from one ministry, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality to another;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order the following:

1. The Calendar Year 1979 appropriation in the amount of ₱9.9 million for the KB Pambansang Katipunan under KBI 1.2.3 of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development is hereby transferred to the Office of the President as KBI 2.1.16.
2. This Order shall take effect on January 1, 1979.

Done in the City of Manila, this **26th** day of **December**, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 516
CREATING THE BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE
IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Public Highways has employed foreign Consultants to study its present organization for the purpose of improving the same to make it more efficient and effective as an implementing agency for the construction of highway projects, particularly those financed with foreign assistance;

WHEREAS, the Consultants, after a thorough study of the present organizational setup of the Ministry of Public Highways, including the functions of the different Bureaus and Offices under it, have submitted their findings and recommendations;

WHEREAS, the Consultants believe that the efficiency of the Ministry of Public Highways for contract supervision and management, design and construction of projects, and maintenance of all existing roads and bridges could be very much improved if the present Bureau of Construction and Maintenance should be divided into two separate bureaus—the Bureau of Construction and the Bureau of Maintenance;

WHEREAS, the reorganization recommended by the Consultants is in line with the policy of the Administration to effect continuing reorganizations of the different agencies of the government to improve their efficiency and capabilities in order to provide a better public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, for the improvement of the service and to ensure better and more efficient administration, management and prosecution of infrastructure projects financed with foreign loans, as well as with local funds, the present Bureau of Construction and Maintenance of the Ministry of Public Highways is hereby reorganized by splitting the said Bureau into two bureaus, to wit: the Bureau of Construction and the Bureau of Maintenance.

The Bureau of Construction as reorganized and the newly created Bureau of Maintenance shall have the following functions and shall be composed of the following organization units and offices as hereunder provided:

(1) BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION

The Bureau of Construction shall essentially be a staff bureau of the Ministry of Public Highways and shall have the authority and responsibility to develop and recommend standards, policies, procedures, guidelines, systems, and programs pertaining to the construction of road and bridge projects included in the approved developmental plans and implemented by consultants, contractors and regional offices. The Bureau's functions shall be:

- (a) road and bridge design and construction, and
- (b) coordination and liaison with foreign funding organizations.

The Bureau shall be headed by a Director to be assisted by the Chiefs of Special Projects Offices who shall have the rank of Assistant Directors the appointments of which shall be co-terminus with the projects they are engaged in and the Chief of the Contract Management Office who will likewise hold the rank of Assistant Director.

The Bureau of Construction shall be composed of the following:

Project Offices

The IBRD, ADB, OECF and PADAP Project Offices and other project implementing offices shall perform essentially the same work but for different foreign loan agencies. Primary functions of these offices are:

- (a) to assist in the orderly transition of foreign projects into the regular work processes under regular lines of authority and responsibility of the Ministry;
- (b) to act as liaisons between funding agencies and the Ministry;
- (c) to identify special requirements of funding agencies, develop and recommend systems and procedures to meet those requirements;
- (d) to identify, evaluate and recommend potential sources of funds;
- (e) to recommend terms, conditions and programs best suited to the needs of the Ministry, and
- (f) monitor progress of project works for concerned lending agencies.

Construction Management Office

The head of the Construction Management Office shall be responsible for developing and guiding the Regions in implementing effective engineering and management systems covering road and bridge design, and construction supervision, inspection and administration.

Preconstruction Design Division

This Division shall be responsible for:

- (a) developing, recommending and effectively communicating road and bridge design standards, manuals, engineering systems and procedures;
- (b) assisting in developing regional design capabilities and programs and providing technical guidance;
- (c) developing, assisting in implementing, monitoring and improving preconstruction management systems, and
- (d) assisting in identifying complex design projects that should be completed by consultants, developing rosters of qualified firms, developing tenders, evaluating proposals, recommending contract towards and coordinating with regional offices.

Engineering Systems and Evaluation Division

This Division shall be responsible for:

- (a) developing, recommending and effectively communicating construction supervision and inspection standards, manuals, engineering systems including documentation requirements and procedures;
- (b) assisting in developing regional supervision and inspection capabilities and programs, and providing technical guideline;
- (c) developing, assisting in implementing, monitoring and improving construction management systems, and
- (d) assisting regions in identifying construction supervision projects that should be undertaken by consultants, developing rosters of qualified firms, developing tenders, evaluating proposals, recommending awards and coordinating with regional offices.

Contract Administration Division

This Division shall be responsible for:

- (a) developing contractor prequalification criteria, maintaining and updating rosters, compiling contract plans and special provisions, advertising letterings, receiving and evaluating proposals and recommending contract awards;
- (b) developing and guiding regions in implementing contract administration criteria including documentation and pay requirements; and
- (c) developing and guiding implementation contract management systems and procedures.

General Administration Division

The General Administration Division has responsibility for internal personnel, fiscal, and clerical functions of the Bureau.

(2) BUREAU OF MAINTENANCE

The Bureau of Maintenance shall essentially be a staff bureau and shall have the authority and responsibility to develop and recommend standards, policies, procedures, guidelines, systems and programs. Approved developments are implemented by regional offices. The Bureau shall have the following functions: Planning and Programming, Inspectorate and Administration.

The Bureau shall be headed by a Director to be assisted by an Assistant Director and shall have under it the following divisions:

PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING DIVISION

This Division shall be responsible for:

- (a) developing and improving performance standards;
- (b) developing, implementing and improving maintenance management systems including techniques for work programming, budgeting, and starting;
- (c) developing and implementing effective work scheduling and control systems needed to ensure compliance with approved programs and budgets;
- (d) developing management information systems meeting the unique needs of each level of management;
- (e) monitoring to improve standards and systems, and to identify units not operating in accordance with approved standards and systems, and
- (f) providing guidance and assistance to regions.

Inspectorate Division

The Maintenance Inspectorate Division shall conduct on-site reviews of levels of service provided, work methods and techniques used, and compliance with approved programs. It shall prepare improvement action reports for use by regional and Bureau of Maintenance officials.

Administration Division

The Administration Division has responsibility for internal personnel, fiscal and clerical functions of the Bureau.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

The Directors and the Assistant Directors of the Bureau of Construction and the Bureau of Maintenance shall be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Minister of Public Highways, while Chiefs of Divisions of said Bureaus shall be appointed by the Minister of Public Highways in accordance with Civil Service Law, rules and regulations.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 517
ADOPTING THE BAGONG LIPUNAN SITES AND SERVICES PROGRAM AS A
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the government has declared it a national policy to achieve an equitable distribution of socio-economic opportunities in the country to, among others, curb the alarming migration rate;

WHEREAS, the National Coordinating Council for Town Planning, Housing and Zoning created under Letter of Instructions No. 511 has effected the preparation and development of town plans, housing and zoning measures including the formulation of interim development controls, identifying thereby in each town the feasible program and projects that will permit and spur socio-economic development;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1396 empowers the President to declare areas for development as Bagong Lipunan sites;

WHEREAS, the development of Bagong Lipunan sites into model human settlements requires full integration and implementation of the eleven (11) basic human needs identified by the Ministry of Human Settlements;

WHEREAS, this full integration necessitates budgetary innovation and judicious reallocation of financial resources;

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop demonstration settlements which shall illustrate to surrounding communities the benefits of the human settlements approach to community building;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

1. The adoption of the Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services Program of the Ministry of Human Settlements as a major component of the development strategy of the government which shall include:

a. Selection and development of depressed communities according to the following classification:

- i. Neighborhood Community of 50-100 families living in an area of at least 2.5 hectares, for each of 1,600 towns and cities.
- ii. Agro-Industrial Community of 100-500 families living in an area of 50-200 hectares, for each of 77 provinces.
- iii. Water-shed Based Ecological Community of 500 or more families situated in a watershed area of at least 500 hectares, for each region of the country.

b. Coordination of programs and projects of the National Local Governments in declared Bagong Lipunan sites to effect

- i. Provision of eleven (11) basic human needs; and
- ii. Institutional development

2. The creation of a Cabinet Committee for Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services to plan and implement the program with the Minister of Human Settlements as Chairperson and the following as members: Minister of Planning, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of the Budget, Minister of Education and Culture, Minister of Energy, Minister of Health, Minister of Industry, Minister of Labor, Minister of Local Government and Community Development, Minister of National Defense, Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, and Minister of Trade.

3. The Cabinet Committee shall be assisted by the Ministry of Human Settlements as Program Secretariat with the MHS Deputy Minister as Secretary General. The Program Secretariat shall (i) rationalize the affected programs of the MHS and its attached agencies including the Slum Improvement and Resettlement Program of NHA and those of the National Resource Experts in the identified sites; (ii) utilize the National Resource Experts of the MHS in the implementation of the various projects under this program; and (iii) in coordination with the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of the Budget identify and source external sources of funds to finance major components of the program.

4. The Ministry of the Budget shall

i. release in CY 1979 to the Ministry of Human Settlements as Program Secretariat the amount of five million pesos (₱5,000,000.00) for the administration of the program;

ii. program and release for the Ministry of Human Settlements, ₱1 million for each of the 1,600 towns and cities to implement the neighborhood community approach upon request of the Minister of Human Settlements and upon approval by the President; Provided that fund release shall be in accordance with the program targets and annual funds flow approved by the President; and

iii. identify fund sources, both internal and external, to finance the Agro-industrial and Watershed Based Community; provided that if funds identified are within the operational jurisdiction of a Ministry or Agency of the government, such Ministry or Agency shall be responsible for project implementation under the overall supervision of the Cabinet Committee;

5. The Cabinet Committee shall submit regular reports to the President and Prime Minister on the progress of the program implementation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 518
ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE
OPERATING BUDGETS OF GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS

WHEREAS, national government policy calls for the formulation of a national resource budget, representing the totality of government revenue, expenditure and debt;

WHEREAS, the volume of public resources and activities undertaken by government corporations are such that a formal mechanism is necessary to ensure that the budgets of government corporations are consistent with the national development plan and follow the budgetary standards and guidelines adopted for agencies of the national government and local government units;

WHEREAS, Section 22 of P.D. No. 1177, known as the Budget Reform Decree of 1977, provides for review and approval of the budgets of government owned or controlled corporations under certain conditions;

WHEREAS, all government-owned or controlled corporations require national budget support, either in the form of direct outlays or guarantees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby Order:

Section 1. Title. – This Order shall be known as the “Government Corporate Budget Executive Order of 1978.”

Part I – Introductory Provisions

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared policy that the budgets of all components of government shall be supportive of national objectives and development plans and that in pursuance thereof, the budgets of government-owned or controlled corporations shall be supportive of and consistent with the budgets of the ministries, bureaus, offices and agencies of the national government.

The budgets of government-owned or controlled corporations shall observe the budget, organization and compensation policies and guidelines which govern agencies of the national government and which are contained in pertinent budget and compensation laws, rules and regulations.

The budget process of government corporations shall observe the concept of flexible budgeting and as such shall allow immediate adjustment to changes in economic and business conditions.

Corporations that earn a profit shall be allowed greater flexibility in terms of administrative expenses and compensation but corporations that incur losses shall be subject to the same conditions and guidelines as those that govern regular agencies of the government: Provided, however, that exceptions may be allowed with the approval of the President/Prime Minister in the case of corporations that are at the initial stages of operation and which are expected to show a profit within a reasonable period of time.

Sec. 3. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Order:

a. “Government” means the National Government, including the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial Branches, and the Constitutional Commissions. It includes, among its branches and instrumentalities, local governments and government-owned or controlled corporations;

b. “Government-owned or controlled corporations” are corporations created by law as agencies of the State for narrow and limited purposes, either owned wholly by the state or wherein the Government is a majority stockholder, in cases of stock corporations, or otherwise, agencies so created where no stocks are issued but whose affairs are conducted by a duly constituted board and which perform proprietary functions. This term shall include all corporations, including financial institutions, owned or controlled by the National Government performing government and/or proprietary functions, but excluding state universities and colleges;

c. “Subsidiary Corporations” are affiliated or secondary corporations which are created and administered by a principal/parent agency for the purpose of helping achieve the objectives of the latter;

d. “Appropriation” is an authorization under Acts of Congress, Presidential Decrees, or other Legislative enactment, allowing obligations to be incurred and payments to be made with funds of the Government under specified conditions and/or specified purposes.

e. “Allotments” are authorizations issued by the Ministry of the Budget to an agency which allow the latter to incur obligations within a specified amount, as duly authorized by a Legislative appropriation;

f. “Obligations” are amounts which are committed to be paid by Government originating from a Legislative appropriation, which arise from an act of a duly authorized administrative officer which binds the government to the immediate or eventual payment of a sum of money;

g. “Current Operating Expenditures” refer to appropriations for the purchase of goods and services for current consumption, the benefits of which are expected to terminate within a specified fiscal year;

h. “Capital Outlays” are appropriations spent for equipment and fixed assets and other objects of a more or less durable nature, whose benefits usually extend beyond one fiscal year;

i. “Subsidy” means the amounts granted to government-owned or controlled corporations from the General Fund, to cover operational expenses that are not supported by corporate revenues or to cover corporate deficits and losses;

j. “Equity” refers to the amount received by government-owned or controlled corporations as payment of capital subscriptions and generally capital investment of the national government in said corporations and which form part of their capitalization;

k. “Internally generated funds” are funds obtained from net revenues, funds arising from depreciation provisions, income from investment in securities, sale of corporate property, and other transactions performed in the course of corporate activity;

l. “External sources of funds” are those that are obtained from such sources as foreign and domestic borrowings, contributions from the National Government in the form of subsidy or capital subscription payments, funds generated through sale of stocks to the public, and donations from private individuals or institutions;

m. “Financial institutions” shall refer to the Central Bank of the Philippines, the Development Bank of the Philippines, the Philippine National Bank, the Government Service Insurance System, the Social Security System, the Land Bank of the Philippines, the Philippine Amanah Bank, and other government financial institutions.

Part II – Operating Budgets

Sec. 4. Fiscal Year. – The fiscal year of government-owned or controlled corporations shall be the period beginning with the first day of January and ending with the thirty-first day of December of each calendar year.

Sec. 5. Budget Calendar and Format. – The budgets of government-owned or controlled corporations shall be consistent in format and timing with that of the National Government budget, except as these may be modified to suit the peculiarities of individual corporations. These budgets shall be formulated on the basis of an obligational authority and/or a cash basis of accounting, or variations thereof as may be duly approved under pertinent law.

Sec. 6. Operating Budget. – Each government-owned or controlled corporations shall prepare an operating budget consisting of (1) estimates of revenues, (2) estimates of expenditure, and (3) estimates of borrowings. The expenditure estimates shall cover current operating and capital expenditures. The operating budget of each government owned or controlled corporation shall be prepared following such procedure and guidelines as may be determined by the President/Prime Minister. They shall be prepared prior to the beginning of the fiscal year and recommended by the Governing Board of the Corporation, for consideration and final approval by the President/Prime Minister.

Sec. 7. Projected Financial Statements. – The operating budgets of government owned or controlled corporations shall be accompanied by a projected Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement, Cash Flow Statement, and such other financial projections as may be required, together with the underlying assumptions adopted in making the projections.

Corporations, including financial institutions, shall submit as an attachment to their operating budget proposals, the projected sources and uses of funds statement for the budget year, an estimated sources and uses of funds statement for the current year, and an actual statement of sources and uses of funds for the preceding year. The latter two submissions shall be accompanied by comparative data on the approved funds flows established for the said year.

The operating budget proposal shall be accompanied by an assessment of the economic and business conditions which will have a bearing on the corporation's operations.

Sec. 8. Financial Institutions. – The operating budgets of government financial institutions shall be subject to the review and approval process provided under this Act: Provided, That rediscounting, lending and borrowing transactions of these institutions shall not be considered as part of their operating budgets for purposes of this Order: Provided, Further, That capital outlays included within the scope of the budget review and approval process herein provided shall include permanent investments, such as equity investments in subsidiaries or affiliated companies, land acquisition, building construction, land improvements, and the like: Provided, Finally, That loans granted to other financial institutions which have the effect of increasing the fringe benefits or compensation of the staff of the original lending institutions or for purposes of allowing the implementation of capital projects for use of the institution shall be considered as part of the operating budget governed by this Order.

Sec. 9. Long Term Budget. – The Governing Board of an institution shall prepare a long term budget consisting of estimates of income, expenditure and debt for the budget year and at least the subsequent four-year period. In the case of capital outlays, budget estimates shall be prepared to cover the cost of capital projects scheduled over the five year period beginning with the budget year.

Sec. 10. Budget Flexibility. – Supplemental budgets may be proposed by corporations for approval, only when supported by adequate funding sources. The approval of supplemental

budgets shall observe the same procedures as those established for the principal operating budget of the corporation: Provided, That in lieu of a system of supplemental budgets, the President/Prime Minister may approve a flexible budget system for individual corporations, which would allow automatic changes in expenditure level to accompany changes in revenue, raw material or other direct expenses: Provided, Further, That the President/Prime Minister may delegate to the Governing Board, the authority to change allocations within limits and under such conditions as he may specify.

Sec. 11. Changes in the Approved Budget. – Changes in the approved principal or supplemental budgets shall be made only with the approval of the President/Prime Minister, subject to the provisions under Sec. 10 of this Order.

Sec. 12. Objects of Expenditure. – The operating budget of corporations shall include a specification of estimates of expenditure by object and shall include an organization chart and an itemization of personal services. Positions may be created or reclassified, and reorganization affected, only when approved by the Governing Board under such guidelines and/or procedure as may be issued by the President/Prime Minister: Provided, That reclassification and the creation of positions shall be within approved budget levels: Provided, Further, That any such changes shall be in accordance with pertinent position classification and compensation laws.

Sec. 13. Contributions and Donations. – A government owned or controlled corporation may grant donations, in kind or in cash, to institutions or persons authorized to receive public funds in the form of donations or contributions, within the limitations of its budget as approved under this Order: Provided, That contributions and donations shall be made only if the operating revenues of the corporation, net of expenses, are sufficient to cover these.

Sec. 14. Trust Funds. – Each corporation shall submit to the President budget estimates covering the income and expenses associated with funds administered, managed, or held in trust by the government-owned or controlled corporation: Provided, That transactions relating to the receipts, disbursements, or generally the disposition of the principal and accumulated net income of such Trust Funds shall not be considered as forming part of the corporation's operating budget.

Sec. 15. Expenditure Authority. – No government-owned or controlled corporation shall incur obligations or make payments for current operating or capital expenditures after the beginning of each calendar year without a budget as approved under this Order.

Sec. 16. Subsidiaries. – The operating budget of a government owned or controlled corporation shall be accompanied by similar operating budgets of its subsidiaries and affiliated companies: Provided, That the budget of subsidiaries of financial institutions other than the Central Bank of the Philippines that are classified as acquired assets under Central Bank regulations, shall be excluded from the scope of this Section.

Sec. 17. Cash Dividends. – Each corporation shall declare at least five per cent of net earnings of each year as cash dividends: Provided, That cash dividends accruing to the National Government shall be received by the Treasury and recorded as income of the General Fund: Provided, Further, That the fraction of net earnings that shall be declared by a corporation as cash dividends may be changed by the President/Prime Minister upon recommendation of the Minister of Finance: Provided, Finally, That this Section shall not apply to the Government Service Insurance System, the Social Security System, and those government owned or controlled corporations whose profit distribution is provided for by their respective charters or by special law.

Sec. 18. Accounting Method. – The budget and accounting process of government owned or controlled corporations shall be expressed in terms of the obligational authority and/or the cash budget concept, or as otherwise provided under budget and accounting laws.

Sec. 19. Compensation. – Policies and rates on salaries, wages, allowances, per diems, consultant's fees, overtime pay, and other forms of compensation, including allowances and fringe benefits, of government-owned or controlled corporations, shall be determined in accordance with the position classification and compensation and salary schemes as prescribed by P.D. No. 985 and other pertinent compensation law: Provided, That transportation facilities, housing, retirement plans, financing programs, and other fringe benefits shall be subject to such guidelines as may be approved by the President/Prime Minister, as provided by P.D. No. 985.

Sec. 20. Additional Allowances and Emoluments. – Officials and employees of a parent corporation who are detailed with a subsidiary corporation, or vice versa, may receive only such allowances and other emoluments as may be approved in accordance with P.D. No. 985 and other pertinent compensation law.

Part III – Equity Investment

Sec. 21. Budgetary Requests. – Government owned or controlled corporations may propose the payment of capital stock subscriptions of the National Government and the allocation of subsidy payments in the form of a budgetary request submitted in response to the annual budget call issued by the Ministry of the Budget in the preparation of the annual General Appropriations Bill: Provided, That corporate equity investments shall be within the limit of the authorized capital stock of the requesting corporation: Provided, Further, That the budgetary request of corporations shall be submitted in such format and following such timetable as may be determined by the Minister of the Budget: and Provided, Finally, That the requests for equity investment shall be accompanied by projected financial statements and by details of the proposed projects for which the requested government equity investments is intended.

Sec. 22. Fund Releases. – Funds appropriated for government equity investments and subsidies shall be released upon submission of Special Budgets as provided by Sec. 40 of P.D. No. 1177. The usage of such funds shall be specified, including the projects to be implemented or undertaken with equity investments.

Part IV – Accountability

Sec. 23. Legislative Submission. – The Minister of the Budget shall prepare a summary of approved operating budgets of government owned or controlled corporations. He shall submit this summary to the Batasang Pambansa on or before the last day of March of each year.

Sec. 24. Performance Reports. – Government-owned and controlled corporations, including financial institutions, shall submit a separate annual report of financial performance as compared with the approved budget, explaining performance in terms of work and financial results. Reports shall likewise be submitted for subsidiaries and affiliates of these corporations. The Minister of the Budget shall prescribe the content of such reports which shall include information on corporate solvency, liquidity and profitability and the status of capital projects being undertaken by the corporation. Reports pertaining to a given fiscal year shall be submitted on or before June 30 of the following year, through the Ministry of the Budget and the President/Prime Minister, to the Batasang Pambansa, together with comparative data for the preceding year and the approved budget for the current year.

Sec. 25. Reports on Guaranty Obligations. – Government-owned or controlled corporations shall periodically report to the Minister of Finance and to the Minister of the Budget on the status of obligations they have entered into and which are backed by government guarantee.

Part V – Final Provisions

Sec. 26. Rules and regulations. – The rules and regulations for the implementation of this Order shall be issued by the Minister of the Budget.

Sec. 27. Board Action. – The representatives of the National Government or the Governing Boards of government owned or controlled corporations shall pass the Resolutions and otherwise adopt such action as may be necessary to comply with this Executive Order.

Sec. 28. Effectivity. – This Order shall take effect upon its approval, subject to transitional measures for the CY 1979 budget year as may be duly approved under the rules and regulations issued pursuant to this Order.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 519
CREATING A HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AS AN AUTONOMOUS MEMBER OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM

WHEREAS, health is an essential component of the New Society's program for the upliftment of the Filipino;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 5163 established a Health Sciences Center, consisting of the units of the University of the Philippines related to the health sciences;

WHEREAS, the internal organization of the University of the Philippines System would be improved with greater coordination and unity of leadership among its health units;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines is authorized to re-organize the government by virtue of P.D. No. 1416;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby Order:

Section 1. Establishment of the Health Sciences Center. – The Health Sciences Center created by R.A. No. 5163 is hereby constituted as an autonomous university within the University of the Philippines System, consisting of the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry, Institute of Public Health, Philippine General Hospital, School of Allied Medical Professions, Institute of Ophthalmology, Institute of Health Sciences (Tacloban), Comprehensive Community Health Program, Anesthesiology Center for the Western Pacific, National Teacher Training Center for the Health Professions, and such other units of the University as may be approved by its Board of Regents.

Sec. 2. Organization. – The Center shall be headed by a Chancellor, who shall be a member ex-officio of the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines System, pursuant to P.D. No. 58.

The Chancellor shall be the executive officer of the autonomous University and shall discharge the following functions and responsibilities:

a. To prescribe rules for the governance of the autonomous university, consistent with its purposes and the policies laid down by the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines System;

b. To submit to the President of the University System for approval by the Board of Regents the courses of study and academic programs, rules of discipline, and awards of degrees and diplomas as recommended by the University Council;

c. To maintain links with other units of the University System so as to ensure fruitful academic interchange and the maximization of the use of human and physical resources;

d. To submit to the President an annual report on the operations of the autonomous University and such other reports as may be required;

e. To prepare and recommend to the President for approval of the Board of Regents the budget of the autonomous University;

- f. To perform such other functions as the Board of Regents may delegate to him;
- g. To institute or effect the appropriate and efficient exercise of such functions or responsibilities as may be necessary for the expeditious administration of the autonomous University.

Sec. 3. Staffing and Compensation. – The staffing and compensation structure of the Center and the Office of the Chancellor shall be determined in accordance with P.D. No. 1177, P.D. No. 985, and other pertinent budget and compensation law.

Sec. 4. Funding. – The sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (₱350,000) shall be released to the University of the Philippines System in Calendar Year 1979 for purposes of implementing this Order. This shall be charged to the Special Activities Fund in B.P. No. 1 pursuant to Special Provision No. 3 governing the said Fund and authorizing its use for new organizational units of Government. Amounts necessary for the operation of the Center beginning in calendar year 1980 shall be duly provided for in the General Appropriations Act, observing pertinent budget law: Provided, That the timing and amount of capital outlays funds needed for the construction of the physical plant of the Center in Quezon City shall be duly evaluated within the context and as part of the national public buildings program, subject to the limits of available funds.

Sec. 5. Effectivity. – This Order shall be immediately effective.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of January, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 520
ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. All government projects involving civil, electrical and mechanical engineering works, and supply and installation of equipment and materials, except those which are authorized by law to be undertaken by administration, shall be undertaken, except as herein provided, through competitive public bidding to ensure economy and efficiency.

Section 2. Exceptions. Any agency or instrumentality of the government may award or enter into such contract without public bidding only in the following instances:

- a) In time of emergencies arising from natural calamities where immediate action to provide the required facilities is necessary to prevent imminent loss of life and/or property;
- b) When there is failure to award the contract after competitive public bidding for valid cause or causes;
- c) Where the project is innovative in character and for experimental purposes, under such guidelines as may be promulgated by the Board herein created;
- d) When an existing contract is terminated or a portion thereof deleted, and awarding of contract to a different contractor through public bidding would entail unnecessary delay to the detriment of the government and of the general public; and
- e) In cases of urgent necessity as certified by the agency concerned and approved by the President.

Section 3. Other Conditions for Negotiations. The authority to negotiate contracts mentioned in the preceding section shall not be issued unless the necessary program of work and the government cost estimates for the project have been prepared and duly approved, and the contractors applying to negotiate for the project have been duly pre-qualified in accordance with the rules and procedures prescribed by the Central Tender Board herein created.

Section 4. Central Tender Board. To carry out the objectives of this Order, there is hereby created a Central Tender Board, which shall be composed of five (5) members as follows:

- a) The Executive Director, Presidential Management Staff;
- b) Representative of the National Economic and Development Authority;
- c) Representative of the Ministry of the Budget;
- d) Representative of the agency concerned; and
- e) Another member to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, preferably a representative of the Philippine Contractors Association.

The above members shall elect the Chairman who shall serve for a period of two years.

Section 5. Primary Function of the Board. Unless otherwise instructed by the President of the Philippines, it shall have the sole authority to conduct competitive public biddings for such projects mentioned in Section 1 hereof and make the necessary awards.

The President may create a special bid committee, whenever he deems such move expedient to consider bids for major national government projects.

Section 6. Powers and Functions. The Central Tender Board shall have the following powers and functions:

a) Receive, process and approve, under such terms and conditions as it may deem necessary to promote the objectives of this Order, applications for registration and pre-qualification to determine the contractors who may be allowed to participate in the bidding of projects covered by this Order. It shall effect the classification of contractors according to their respective qualifications and capabilities consistent with the licensing law on the matter and taking into consideration the requirements of particular type of projects;

b) Accordingly, and on the basis of sizes, costs and technical requirements of projects, categorize all such projects, and define the required contractor's eligibilities to participate in the bidding thereon;

c) Check, verify and evaluate periodically, with the assistance of other government agencies, contractors' compliance with the provisions of this Order and with rules and regulations prescribed by the Board, as well as with the terms and conditions of their contracts with the government.

d) Organize its own staff as hereunder prescribed and may, from time to time, call upon appropriate government officials or the private sector for assistance in the exercise of its powers and functions;

e) Generally exercise all the power necessary or incidental to attain the purposes of this Order, including the promulgation of its internal rules and procedures governing meetings, organization and staffing.

Section 7. Meeting and Quorum. The Board shall meet as often as necessary but not less than once a month on such day as it may fix. Special meetings may be convoked upon the call of the Chairman or upon the written request of at least two (2) of its members. The presence of three (3) members shall constitute a quorum, and all decisions shall require the concurrence of at least three (3) members.

Section 8. Remuneration of Members of the Board. The members of the Board shall receive such per diems for each meeting of the Board attended as shall be provided by their rules and regulations.

Section 9. Permanent Executive Staff. The Board, in the exercise of its functions and responsibilities, shall be assisted by the Presidential Management Staff.

Section 10. Technical Committees. The Board may create such technical advisory committees as are necessary, with members coming from any government agency, to provide advisory services on certain specialized fields and is hereby authorized to grant allowances in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

Section 11. Rules and Regulations. The Board shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper implementation of the provisions of this Order. Such rules and regulations shall contain, among others, the following:

- a) Criteria for determining the eligibilities or qualifications of contractors; for classifying government infrastructure projects, for evaluation of bids, and in the awarding of such government contracts, whether negotiated or bid;
- b) Procedures in the advertisements of projects, the conduct of public bidding and the evaluation and selection of bids, including such machinery for objections to the pre-qualification of a contractor, the admission of any bid, or award of any such government contract;
- c) Provisions defining, whenever practical, the minimum terms and conditions required in all such government contracts including adjustments thereof; and
- d) Measures to enhance capabilities of local contractors, to encourage utilization of local equipment, experts and consultants, to avoid collusion among contractors and government staff, and to monitor contractor's financial or capital resources, experience and project accomplishments.

Section 12. Project Plans and Specifications. Each government agency charged with implementing a particular government project shall be responsible for preparing the necessary programs of work, including all relevant plans, specifications and cost estimates of such project or any portion thereof, which shall be approved in accordance with existing laws and procedures.

Section 13. Transitory Period. Until such time as the Board is constituted and becomes operational, the government agencies concerned shall continue performing their respective functions pertaining to awarding of contracts in accordance with existing rules, regulations and procedures pertinent thereto.

Section 14. Appropriation. The Minister of the Budget is hereby directed to release such funds out of the appropriation for Special Activities Fund, Current Operating Expenditures, or from any applicable appropriations thereunder, as shall be necessary for the organizational and operational expenses of the Board during the Calendar Year 1979, and thereafter to include in the General Appropriations Bills, the amount necessary for the annual operation of the Board.

Section 15. Repealing Clause. The provisions of Executive Order Nos. 64, 65, 95, 147, 212-A, 269, 314, 323, and Memorandum Circular No. 102 and other orders, rules and regulations that are inconsistent and in conflict herewith are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 521
MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS
PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed hereunder as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464 shall pay the following rates of import duty:

<u>Tariff Heading No.</u>	<u>Description of Articles</u>	<u>Rate of Duty</u>	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
28.03	Carbon (including carbon black):		
	A. x x x		
	B. Carbon black ad val.	[50%]	30%
28.30	Chlorides and Oxychlorides:		
	A. x x x		
	B. ZINC CHLORIDE, TECHNICAL OR INDUSTRIAL GRADE ad val.	[10%]	30%
	[B.] C. Calcium chloride and ammonium chloride, commercial ad val.	[50%]	50%
28.40	Phosphites, hypophosphites and phosphates:		
	A. x x x		
	B. Sodium tripolyphosphate AND TETRASODIUM PYROPHOSPHATE AD VAL.	[30%] [10%]	30%
38.08	Rosin and resin acids, and derivatives thereof other than ester gums included in heading no. 39.05; rosin spirit and rosin oils:	[30%]	
	A. ARTICLES NOT INCLUDED IN SUBHEADING B HEREOF AD VAL.	Unified Rate	30%
	B. GUM ROSIN AD VAL.	of 30%	50%
40.02	Synthetic rubber latex; pre-vulcanized synthetic rubber latex; synthetic rubber; factice derived from oils:	[30%]	
	A. SYNTHETIC RUBBER AD VAL.	Unified Rate of	20%
	B. OTHER AD VAL.	30%	30%

<u>Tariff Heading No.</u>	<u>Description of Articles</u>	<u>Rate of Duty</u>	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
40.10	Transmission, conveyor or elevator belts or belting, of vulcanized rubber:	[20%]	
A.	ARTICLES NOT INCLUDED IN SUBHEADINGS B AND C HEREOF AD VAL.	Unified	20%
B.	CONVEYOR AND TRANSMISSION BELTS UP TO 46 INCHES (117 CENTIMETERS) IN WIDTH AD VAL.	Rate of	30%
C.	V-BELTS AD VAL.	20%	50%
55.09	Other woven fabrics of cotton:	[70%]	
A.	TIRE CORD FABRIC AND TIRE WOVEN FABRIC WHEN IMPORTED DIRECTLY BY AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCK TIRE MANUFACTURES FOR THEIR EXCLUSIVE USE AD VAL.	Unified Rate of	30%
B.	OTHER AD VAL.	70%	70%
56.07	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste):	[70%]	
A.	TIRE CORD FABRIC AND TIRE WOVEN FABRIC WHEN IMPORTED DIRECTLY BY AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCK TIRE MANUFACTURES FOR THEIR EXCLUSIVE USE AD VAL.	Unified Rate of	30%
B.	OTHER AD VAL.	70%	70%
84.23	Excavating, levelling, tamping, boring and extracting machinery, stationary or mobile, for earth, minerals or ores (for example, mechanical shovels, coal-cutters, excavators, scrapers, levellers and bulldozers); pile-drivers snow plough, not self-propelled (including snow-plough attachments):	[10%]	
A.	ARTICLES NOT INCLUDED IN SUBHEADING B HEREOF AD VAL.	Unified	10%
B.	CUTTING EDGES AND END BITS FOR BULLDOZERS, SCRAPERS, GRADERS AND LEVELLERS AD VAL.	Rate of 10%	20%
85.04	Electric accumulators:		
A.	HARD RUBBER BATTERY CONTAINERS AND CELL AD VAL.	Unified Rate of	30%
B.	OTHER AD VAL.	100%	50%
97.07	Fish-hooks, line fishing rods and tackle; fish landing nets and butterfly nets; decoy "birds", lark mirrors and similar hunting or shooting requisites:		
A.	Fish-hooks, LINE FISHING RODS OF FIBERGLASS REELS AND TACKLES AD VAL.	[20%] [100%]	20%
B.	Other AD VAL.	[100%]	100%

SECTION 2. After the expiration of thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse, in the Philippines, for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 3. Any unwarranted increase in the prices of local products benefitted by these tariff changes may be sufficient ground for the revocation of such tariff changes.

SECTION 4. After the lapse of three years from the effectivity of this Executive Order, the Tariff Commission shall, in the case of tariff increases in this order, undertake a review of the effects of the protection herein granted to the respective industries to determine the possibility of phasing out the protective tariff under a graduated scheme. However, failure to comply with the requirement in this section shall mean an automatic reversion to the previous rate of duty.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 522
CREATING A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD V)

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government will host the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD V) in Manila from May 3 to June 1, 1979 as approved by the United Nations General Assembly in 1976 at its 32nd session;

WHEREAS, intensified preparations are already being undertaken, pursuant to Executive Order No. 497 dated 31 January 1978, to the end that the fifth session of the UNCTAD can bring the desired results to the country and to the international community, particularly the developing countries; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to create a Steering Committee that will exercise overall policy direction, control and coordination of the various activities for UNCTAD V;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and establish the Steering Committee for UNCTAD V that will coordinate and harmonize action and activities for UNCTAD V on key decision areas in both substantive and physical aspects, the composition of which is as follows:

Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos	– Honorary Chairman
Minister Carlos P. Romulo	– Chairman
Minister Cesar Virata	– Vice-Chairman
Minister Troadio T. Quiazon, Jr.	– Co-Vice-Chairman
Minister Jose D. Aspiras	– Member
Minister Jaime C. Laya	– Member
Governor Gregorio Licaros	– Member
Deputy Minister Jose D. Ingles	– Member
Deputy Minister Manuel Collantes	– Member
Ambassador Leandro I. Verceles	– Member/Secretary

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 6th day of FEBRUARY, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 523
RESTRUCTURING THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the emerging trend in world diplomacy is the accreditation of men and women who are not only well-trained in the art and amenities of the foreign service but who also possess a development orientation that is essential in today's international relationships;

WHEREAS, the Philippine foreign service cannot afford to ignore this trend considering the critical need to establish strong and effective linkages throughout the world, whether economically, politically, socially or culturally;

WHEREAS, in keeping with such trend, changes have been made in the selection of men for the foreign service such that younger and more dynamic personnel are being recruited to complement the existing core of career diplomats, thus, providing a desirable balance between innovative dynamism and responsible mature judgement; and

WHEREAS, because of the new developments in world diplomacy and the demands of our own efforts to develop our country, there is a need for more drastic measures to revamp our foreign service to encompass a comprehensive assessment of its human resource capabilities to make it more sensitive to the national interest, particularly the need to promote and expand foreign trade, to attract foreign tourists and investments, and to protect and advance the interests of Filipino migrant workers, among others;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct that:

SECTION 1. Restructuring of Foreign Service; Definition of Goals and Objectives of Diplomatic Posts. – The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall immediately undertake a restructuring of the Ministry and the Foreign Service to provide a more effective support to the goals and programs for national development of the President.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall further provide each diplomatic mission in the Philippine Foreign Service with a set of clearly defined goals and objectives, particularly, the promotion and expansion of Philippine exports, the attraction of foreign tourists to visit the Philippines, the protection and advancement of the interests of Filipino migrant workers within the jurisdiction of the mission. He shall review said goals and objectives annually and make such adjustments as may be necessary, based on the performance of each diplomatic mission for the past year and the recommendation of the Chief of Mission, within the framework of the national economic and development plans as drawn up by the National Economic and Development Authority and approved by the President. The diplomatic missions shall be furnished copies of the revised goals and objectives for implementation.

A copy of the approved goals and programs shall be submitted to me for my information.

SEC. 2. Recruitment, Selection, Promotion, Assignment and Reassignment of Foreign Service Personnel. – To insure effective and efficient attainment of these goals and objectives, the Minister of Foreign Affairs shall immediately promulgate clearly defined rules and regulations on personnel management in the Foreign Service, including recruitment, selection, promotion, assignment

and reassignment of personnel. He shall see to it that only personnel who meet the standards of education, experience, aptitude and potential, previously determined to be indispensable for the achievement of such goals and objectives, are recruited into the foreign service and properly assigned to the Home Office and the different foreign service establishments. Only those officers whose training and experience are relevant to a particular post shall be assigned to such post. Conscious and concerted efforts must be exerted to integrate into the service those persons who are trained in diplomacy, international law, foreign trade, tourism, investments, cultural exchanges, foreign languages, negotiations, and international relations.

SEC. 3. Lateral Integration of Personnel. – Whenever necessary and to achieve a balanced growth of specialists and generalists in the career foreign service, personnel from other ministries and agencies of the government who are highly trained and professionally experienced or who have had previous experience in the foreign service shall be recruited to appropriate ranks of Foreign Service Officer and Counselor.

SEC. 4. Classification of Diplomatic Establishments. – The Diplomatic establishments shall be classified into Class I Missions (or areas of greater importance), and Class II Missions (or areas of lesser importance) on the basis of the following criteria; (1) economic trade interests; (2) number of Filipino resident nationals; (3) geopolitical and military significance of the post; (4) historical-cultural considerations; and (5) prestige factors, such as the existence of international or regional organizations in the post.

SEC. 5. Classification of Consular Establishments. – Consular establishments shall likewise be classified into Class I Consulates General and Class II Consulates General on the basis of volume of trade and trade potential and the number of Filipino resident nationals in the post.

SEC. 6. Flexibility in Staffing. – Flexibility shall be observed in the staffing of Foreign Missions and Consulates General. The actual number of personnel shall be arrived at considering the extent or volume of work needed in the post in relation to the criteria used as basis for the classification of diplomatic missions and consulates.

SEC. 7. Appointment of Attachés. – Except in extraordinary cases, each foreign service established shall have only military, labor, revenue, tourism, information and commercial attachés. The authority to appoint attachés shall be vested in the head of the agency maintaining the attaché service. However, such head shall consult with the Minister of Foreign Affairs as to the actual need for opening particular types of attaché services and as to the places where these services shall be made available.

SEC. 8. Number of Attachés. – A ministry or agency shall have only one attaché accredited to it by the receiving government. In the event of the actual need for more than one attaché, to be determined by the ministry or agency in consultation with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the succeeding attaché shall be accredited as assistant attaché.

SEC. 9. Relationship of Chiefs of Missions and Attachés. – The supremacy of the Chief of Mission for the conduct of foreign relations at the post is established. All attachés shall be under the administrative supervision and control of the Chief of Mission where they are assigned. They shall compulsorily submit their reports to their agency through the Chief of Missions and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, except when national security requires otherwise. They shall clear with the Chief of Mission all their public pronouncements at the diplomatic post and all documents and materials they send through the diplomatic pouch. The Chief of Mission shall have the authority to discipline attachés within his Mission including the authority to have them recalled, if necessary.

SEC. 10. Uniform Rules for Attaché Services. – A uniform set of rules and regulations shall govern attaché services. For this purpose, there is created an Inter-Ministerial Committee to draft

such rules and regulations. The Committee shall be composed to Deputy Ministers or equivalent officials of the Ministry or agencies of the government maintaining attachés abroad with the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Committee Chairman.

SEC. 11. Promotion of Foreign Service Officers; Creation of Promotion Board. – The promotion of Foreign Service Officers, particularly that involving promotion to the positions of Foreign Service Counselor and Chief of Mission, shall be based upon performance, education and training and potential. No Foreign Service Officer shall be promoted unless he meets the criteria required for the position which shall be determined by a Promotion Board which shall be established by the Ministry with the following composition:

- (1) one member designated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- (2) one member designated by the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission;
- (3) one member designated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs from among those nominated by the National Economic and Development Authority;
- (4) one member designated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs from among those nominated by the Foreign Service Association of the Philippines;
- (5) one member designated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs from among those nominated by academic institutions.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall designate the Chairman of the Board from among the above members.

SEC. 12. Promotion of Other Personnel. – Promotions from the position of FSSE I to that of FSSO III shall be by competitive examinations and no officer or employee may be promoted to FSSO III unless he shall have qualified in such examination, irrespective of civil service eligibility.

SEC. 13. Assignment of Personnel to Foreign Service Posts. – Proposals for assignment in foreign service posts shall take into consideration the particular area of concern that the Philippine government seeks to promote in said country so that only personnel qualified and training in this concern shall be assigned thereto. Such proposals shall be the subject of joint consultation between the Home Office and the Chief of Mission. No officer or employee shall refuse an assignment nor seek revocation or change of assignment.

SEC. 14. Rotation of Foreign Service Personnel. – There shall be a periodic and systematic rotation of FSO's and FSSO's to insure dynamic and sustained implementation of national economic development goals and programs. Accordingly, no FSO or FSSO shall be assigned to a diplomatic or consular post for less than 2 years nor more than 6 years, and no position in the foreign service shall be left vacant for more than 60 days. Furthermore, to insure the efficient assignment of qualified personnel, the Minister of Foreign Affairs shall periodically submit the names and personal histories of newly recruited FSO, FSSO, FSSE, to the appropriate government agencies for clearance. Officers and employees previously cleared by such agencies shall be immediately available for foreign assignment without need for a new clearance unless the agency concerned indicates the specific grounds for non-implementation of the assignment order within 30 days after it has been furnished copies thereof.

SEC. 15. Funding Support. – In order to implement the rotation program effectively, the Ministry of the Budget is hereby directed to consider proposals for increase in the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to fund the regular rotation of personnel.

SEC. 16. Inspection or Audit. – There is hereby installed a system of inspection to enable the President and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to assess at first hand the performance of the

different missions and consulates and at the same time establish closer ties with the foreign service establishments. The inspection shall be carried out or conducted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or when the President considers it necessary, he may designate the Minister of the Budget, Chairman of the Presidential Reorganization Commission, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission or any other person to conduct the inspection or audit.

SEC. 17. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Order.

SEC. 18. Repealing Clause. – All orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 19. Effectivity. – This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 524
EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE CEMENT INDUSTRY AUTHORITY FOR
ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Cement Industry Authority was created under Presidential Decree No. 94, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 912, to regulate the cement industry in the Philippines and to expand cement export market to the end that idle capacity be utilized, foreign exchange generated and greater labor employment opportunities secured; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the life of the Authority to enable it to fully realize its objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby extend the life of the Cement Industry Authority for another five years from January 11, 1979.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 525
DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC ESTATES AUTHORITY AS THE AGENCY PRIMARILY
RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL RECLAMATION PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, there are several reclamation projects which are on going or being proposed to be undertaken in various parts of the country which need to be evaluated for consistency with national programs;

WHEREAS, there is a need to give further institutional support to the Government's declared policy to provide for a coordinated, economical and efficient reclamation of lands;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 3-A requires that all reclamation of areas shall be limited to the National Government or any person authorized by it under a proper contract;

WHEREAS, a central authority is needed to act on behalf of the National Government which shall ensure a coordinated and integrated approach in the reclamation of lands;

WHEREAS, the Presidential Decree No. 1084 creates the Public Estates Authority as a government corporation to undertake reclamation of lands and ensure their maximum utilization in promoting public welfare and interest; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1416 provides the President with continuing authority to reorganize the national government including the transfer, abolition, or merger of functions and offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order direct the following:

Section 1. – The Public Estates Authority (PEA) shall be primarily responsible for integrating, directing, and coordinating all reclamation projects for and on behalf of the National Government. All reclamation projects shall be approved by the President upon recommendation of the PEA, and shall be undertaken by the PEA or through a proper contract executed by it with any person or entity; Provided, that, reclamation projects of any national government agency or entity authorized under its charter shall be undertaken in consultation with the PEA upon approval of the President.

Sec. 2. – The PEA, in addition to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1084, shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a. Provide advise and assistance to the President in the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of plans or policies relative to all reclamation projects as would maximize their contribution to national development;
- b. Issue such rules and regulations including the identification of such requirements as may be necessary for the evaluation and sound administration of all reclamation projects;
- c. Establish and implement a system of coordination with all concerned government agencies including monitoring of the progress of all reclamation projects; and
- d. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the President.

Sec. 3. – All lands reclaimed by PEA shall belong to or be owned by the PEA which shall be responsible for its administration, development, utilization or disposition in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1084. Any and all income that the PEA may derive from the sale, lease or use of reclaimed lands shall be used in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1084.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 526
PROVIDING FOR THE RATIONALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT COMPUTER SERVICES

WHEREAS, there is a need to rationalize the existing computer services in the government to eliminate wasteful duplication and proliferation;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1480 directs the National Computer Center to develop and implement a nationwide government program that will optimize the utilization of computer technology and facilities;

WHEREAS, the President has continuing authority under Presidential Decree No. 1416 to reorganize the administrative structure of the National Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order the following:

1. Pending the formulation of a Master Plan for government computer systems by the National Computer Center, the following guidelines shall be adopted:

- a. The existing computer equipment of each ministry, including bureaus, offices and attached government-owned and/or controlled corporations, shall be made available to all entities within the ministry.
- b. Where computer capacity cannot be fully utilized within the ministry, excess capacity shall be made available to other ministries and agencies.
- c. If the existing computer system within the ministry is inadequate, computer facilities of other ministries or agencies may be availed of.
- d. The acquisition of computers and/or data entry equipment shall not be authorized.

2. The National Computer Center shall immediately develop a Master Plan for government computer services that optimizes utilization of equipment and manpower at all times.

3. An Inter-Agency Committee is hereby created to assist the National Computer Center in:

- a. The development and evaluation of an annual and long-range computer development program oriented towards improving the capability of agency facilities to service up to but not beyond their respective requirements, except in the case of the Technology Resource Center which will operate primarily as a service facility;
- b. The formulation of policies and standards;
- c. The evaluation of computer systems requirements of government agencies.

The Committee shall be headed by the Managing Director of the National Computer Center who shall act as its Chairman, with the head of the Technology Resource Center as Vice-Chairman.

Membership shall be composed of representatives of the Office of the Director-General of NEDA, Ministry of the Budget and ministries and/or agencies whose computer systems have a capacity of at least 300,000 bytes.

4. The main thrust of NCC activities shall be the coordination of agency computer services rather than providing such directly.

5. The National Computer Center shall accelerate its EDP training programs to develop and increase technical expertise among agencies with computer facilities.

6. Any other decree, law, order, rule or regulation inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

7. This Order shall be effective immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**

Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 527
ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUNDS
CREATED UNDER P.D. NO. 1530

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1530 has created the Home Development Mutual Funds for the purpose of assisting employees of both the government and the private sectors in acquiring or constructing their own homes;

WHEREAS, the said Home Development Mutual Funds could not attain viability on their own and may only be harnessed fully if merged with other long-term funds;

WHEREAS, the government has declared housing as a major national concern and has created a National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation which has been charged with the development of a secondary market for home mortgages and financial strategies to solve the housing problem;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to consolidate all long-term, low-interest housing funds under the administration of a singular agency to support the National Shelter Program of the Ministry of Human Settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the constitution, do hereby order:

1. The administration, custody, disposal and utilization of the Home Development Mutual Funds created under Presidential Decree No. 1530 are transferred from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Social Security System (SSS), respectively to the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC), including the authority to promulgate the implementing rules and regulations pertaining to the aforesaid functions, transmittal of periodic collections by the GSIS and SSS, membership matters, privileges and benefits, and availment and enforcement of housing loans;
2. The GSIS and SSS shall continue with the collection of the said Funds and turnover the same periodically the NHMFC, which shall pay service fees for such collections, provided, however, that the fees shall not exceed 4% of the said Funds;
3. The NHMFC shall support the collection activities of the GSIS and SSS with a nationwide information and education campaign the cost of which shall not exceed 1/2% of the said funds;
4. This order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of March, in the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 528
EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON REORGANIZATION
CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 281, SERIES OF 1970

WHEREAS, there is need to effect continuing adaptive changes in the administrative structure in order to conform with the changing requirements for effective development administration;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a new political organizational framework during the transition period as occasioned by the advent of a semi-parliamentary system of government will require a continuing assessment of the administrative structure for governance, especially as these pertain to organizational changes as may be required in the process of political normalization;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide the President with adequate staff advice and assistance in determining such needed changes in the organizational framework; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the Presidential Commission on Reorganization to continue providing staff assistance and consultative advice to the President, Civil Service Commission, Career Executive Service Board, and other agencies of the government on development administration relative to, among others, reorganization matters, decentralization and regionalization, career executive service, and rationalization of government corporation management;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby extend the term of the Presidential Commission on Reorganization up to December 31, 1979.

The Presidential Executive Assistant shall issue the necessary directives for the detail or the extension of the detail of such technical personnel as may be needed by the Commission, under the same conditions as prescribed in Executive Order No. 281, as amended.

The Commission is authorized to disburse and defray all expenses for its operations from January 1 to December 31, 1979 from funds in the amount of ₱950,000 as may be made available from the Office of the President, in addition to whatever unexpended balance it may have out of its existing appropriations as of December 31, 1978.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 529

**EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENT
CORPORATIONS CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 464, SERIES OF 1976**

WHEREAS, the shift to a semi-parliamentary system of government will require a re-assessment of the role of government corporations as a medium for governmental administration;

WHEREAS, the result of this re-assessment will need to be reflected in the final report of the PCSGC to the President; and

WHEREAS, there is need to update data and information concerning individual government corporations, especially with respect to those that were created after the start of the corporation study, in order to finalize the Committee's recommendation at the micro level.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The term of the Presidential Committee to Study Government Corporations (PCSGC) is extended up to June 30, 1979 and it is further directed that the Committee submit its report to the President/Prime Minister on or before said date.

SEC. 2. An appropriation of ₱300,000 is authorized for the use of the Committee for the period January 1, 1979 to June 30, 1979, in addition to whatever unexpended balance it may have out of its existing appropriations as of September 30, 1978.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 530
ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR
THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (PROPER)

Whereas, a system of classification and compensation has been approved for the Office of the President;

Whereas, the administration of the system requires the allocation/reallocation of positions to the appropriate class and salary scale and the granting of additional forms of compensation if so warranted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations:

Section 1. The System. – The System consists of the Position Classification Plan and the Compensation Plans for the Office of the President (Proper).

Sec. 2. Coverage. – The system covers all regular positions in the Office of the President (Proper) consisting of the Executive Office and the President's private and immediate offices, except positions with the rank of, or equivalent to, Cabinet Member and except as may be otherwise provided herein.

Sec. 3. The Position Classification Plan. – The Position Classification Plan shall consist of (a) positions in the Office divided into two major levels, namely: the Career Executive Service Level and the sub-Career Executive Service Level which is sub-divided into occupational groups under which are position classes; and (b) the rules and regulations for its implementation and administration.

Sec. 4. The Compensation Plan. – The salary scale of the Career Executive Service shall apply to CES level positions in the Office of the President (Proper): Provided, That such positions in the Office of the President (Proper) shall have a two-grade advantage over comparable positions covered in the CES Compensation Plan.

The salary schedule for the sub-Career Executive Service Level in the Office of the President (Proper) shall be as follows:

<u>Pay Range</u>	<u>1st Step</u>	<u>2nd Step</u>	<u>3rd Step</u>	<u>4th Step</u>	<u>5th Step</u>
1	₱5640	₱6240	₱6888	₱7608	₱8400
2	6240	6888	7608	8400	9288
3	6888	7608	8400	9288	10260
4	7608	8400	9288	10260	11328
5	8400	9288	10260	11328	12516
6	9288	10260	11328	12516	13824
7	10260	11328	12516	13824	15264
8	11328	12516	13824	15264	16860
9	12516	13824	15264	16860	18636

<u>Pay Range</u>	<u>1st Step</u>	<u>2nd Step</u>	<u>3rd Step</u>	<u>4th Step</u>	<u>5th Step</u>
10	13824	15264	16860	18636	20580
11	15264	16860	18636	20580	22728
12	16860	18636	20580	22728	25116
13	18636	20580	22728	25116	27732
14	20580	22728	25116	27732	30624
15	22728	25116	27732	30624	33816
16	25116	27732	30624	33816	37344
17	27732	30624	33816	37344	41232
18	30624	33816	37344	41232	45540
19	33816	37344	41232	45540	50292
20	37344	41232	45540	50292	55536
21	41232	45540	50292	55536	61344
22	45540	50292	55536	61344	67764

Sec. 5. Position Classes and Pay Ranges. – The position classes and their corresponding ranks in the Career Executive Service Level are as follows:

<u>Career Executive Service Level</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Legal Adviser to the President	I
Legislative Secretary	I
Assistant Secretary	II
Presidential Staff Director	II
Cabinet Secretary	II
Assistant Executive Secretary	II
Appointment Secretary	II
Presidential Protocol Officer	II
Private Secretary to the President	II
Presidential Staff Assistant	III
Assistant Cabinet Secretary	III
Assistant Presidential Protocol Officer	III
Physician to the President	III

The position classes in the sub-Career Executive Service Group and the corresponding pay ranges are as follows:

<u>PRESIDENTIAL STAFF OFFICERS GROUP</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>
Supervising Presidential Staff Officer	16
Senior Presidential Staff Officer	14
Presidential Staff Officer	12
Junior Presidential Staff Officer	9
 <u>STAFF SECRETARIAL GROUP</u>	
Senior Staff Private Secretary	13
Staff Private Secretary	10

<u>MEDICAL OFFICERS GROUP</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>
Palace Senior Medical Specialist	14
Palace Medical Specialist	13
Palace Senior Medical Officer	11
Palace Medical Officer	10
Palace Junior Medical Officer	8

<u>DENTAL GROUP</u>	
Presidential Dental Chief	13
Assistant Presidential Dental Chief	11
Palace Supervising Dentist	10
Palace Senior Dentist	8
Palace Dentist	6

<u>NURSING GROUP</u>	
Palace Chief Nurse	9
Palace Supervising Nurse	7
Palace Senior Nurse	5
Palace Nurse	4

<u>DIETITIAN, PHARMACY AND OPTOMETRY GROUP</u>	
Palace Senior Dietitian	8
Palace Dietitian	6
Palace Senior Pharmacist	8
Palace Pharmacist	7
Palace Optometrist	6

<u>MUSEUM AND HERALDIC GROUP</u>	
Presidential Museum Curator	13
Palace Emblem Designer	6

<u>STAFF ASSISTANT GROUP</u>	
Supervising Staff Assistant	8
Senior Staff Assistant	7
Staff Assistant	6

<u>STENOGRAPHIC GROUP</u>	
Senior Stenographer to the President	14
Stenographer to the President	12
Supervising Staff Stenographer	6
Senior Staff Stenographer	4
Staff Stenographer	3

<u>TRANSLATOR GROUP</u>	
Palace Senior Translator	5
Palace Translator	3

<u>MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST AND OTHER ALLIED CLASSES SERIES</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>
Palace Supervising Medical Technician	5
Palace Senior Medical Technician	4
Palace Medical Technical	3
Palace Dental Hygienist	3
Palace Midwife	3
Palace Clinic Aids	2

<u>PALACE MAINTENANCE SERIES</u>	
Presidential Special Service Officer	11
Palace Mechanical Repair Shop General Foreman	8
Palace Maintenance General Foreman	6
Palace Maintenance Foreman	4
Palace Senior Maintenance Technician	3
Palace Maintenance Technician	2
Palace Head Utility Aide	3
Palace Senior Utility Aide	2
Palace Utility Aide	1

<u>COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN SERIES</u>	
Palace Communications Technician	5

<u>MOTORPOOL SERVICE SERIES</u>	
Palace Motorpool Superintendent	10
Palace Assistant Motorpool Superintendent	8
Palace Motorpool Foreman	5
Presidential Chauffeur	4
Palace Driver	3

<u>HOUSEHOLD SERVICE GROUP</u>	
Palace Household Manager	9
Palace Supervising Household Aide	5
Palace Senior Household Aide	4
Palace Valet	4
Palace Household Aide	2

<u>STAFF AID GROUP</u>	
Supervising Staff Aide	4
Senior Staff Aide	3
Staff Aide	2

Sec. 6. Classification Rules

- a. Positions shall first be classified by the Ministry of the Budget before inclusion in regular or special budgets.
- b. Positions shall be classified on the basis of regular and permanent duties and responsibilities attached thereto and the qualification requirements therefor.
- c. Proposals for the creation of new positions shall be submitted to the Minister of the Budget who shall take final action pursuant to P.D. No. 985 and P.D. No. 1177.
- d. Reclassification of a position may be proposed whenever there are significant and permanent changes in the duties and responsibilities thereof. The proposal, supported by a duly accomplished position description form and such other papers as may be required, shall be incorporated in Budget Form 103 of the budget estimates of the Office and shall be submitted to, and processed by, the Office of Compensation and Position Classification of the Ministry of the Budget.
- e. The classification or reclassification of position to another class with the same salary range allocation or to a lower class shall take effect upon its approval. Reclassification action from one class to a higher class shall take effect not earlier than the beginning of the next calendar year.
- f. The classification plan herein provided shall apply to all positions now existing or hereafter created in the Office of the President.

Sec. 7. Salary Rules

- a. The first step of the pay range shall be the hiring rate for new employees.
- b. An employee may be allowed a salary rate higher than the minimum of the range allocation of the position in case he had previously received a higher salary in the government service; Provided, That such salary rate is within the range allocation of the position and; Provided, Further, That there is sufficient appropriation for that particular position.
- c. An employee who is promoted to a position in a higher class and whose present salary is over the maximum rate of the range allocation of the position to which he is being promoted, may be allowed to continue to receive his present salary at the higher position.
- d. Subject to certification by the Executive Office that the employee's services are satisfactory, the salary may be increased to the second step of his pay range after one year at the first step, to the third step after one year at the second step, to the fourth step after two years at the third step, and to the fifth step after two years at the fourth step, provided there is sufficient appropriation in the particular position of the employee concerned.
- e. Employees whose actual salaries are between the steps of the pay ranges of the classes to which their positions have been allocated shall be adjusted to the next higher step if an appropriation has been provided therefor.
- f. Voluntary demotions shall be made without loss of salary except where the current salary is higher than the maximum of the class to which demoted and provided that there is sufficient appropriation for the particular position.
- g. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other rule, no officer or employee shall receive a salary higher than the salary of his immediate supervisor.

Sec. 8. Salary Increases for Employees Paid Out of Lump Sum Appropriations. – Employees whose salaries are paid out of lump sum appropriations may be granted salary increases upon recommendation of the Minister of the Budget and approval by the President. The funds for the purpose shall be charged against the respective lump sum appropriations.

Sec. 9. Salary Increases. – Whenever a national government salary increase is granted based on periodic salary surveys conducted by the Office of Compensation and Position Classification of the Ministry of the Budget, positions in the office may be granted across-the-board or in-step salary increases, upon recommendation of the Minister of the Budget and the approval of the President.

Sec. 10. Revision of the Plans. – If the results of the periodic nation-wide salary survey require the revision of the Classification and Compensation Plans to keep them up-to-date, the same may be revised upon recommendation of the Minister of the Budget and the approval of the President.

Sec. 11. Additional Compensation. – The following policies shall be adopted in the granting of additional compensation:

a. Transportation and Representation Allowances

Only officials and those of equivalent rank granted commutable transportation and representation allowances authorized under Section 20 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 1, the current Appropriations Act for CY 1979 shall be entitled to said allowances. The determination of equivalent ranks for the purpose shall be made by the Ministry of the Budget. Previous administrative authorizations not consistent with the rates specified in the current appropriations act shall no longer be valid and payment shall not be allowed.

b. Cost of Living Allowances

In the event that the President authorizes the grant of cost of living allowances for national government employees, employees of the office shall be entitled the same, subject to the availability of funds.

c. Clothing Allowances

Except as otherwise approved by the President, only female regular employees shall be granted uniform/clothing allowance of not more than ₱150 each per annum. Uniform/clothing allowance in kind shall be granted to drivers, garage personnel, waiters and personnel assigned to the security unit of the President. Funds for the purpose shall be charged against the appropriation for “other services” or equivalent savings.

d. Laundry Allowance

Laundry allowance shall be granted to drivers, garage personnel, waiters and personnel assigned to the security unit for the President out of the appropriations for “other services” or from savings from the appropriations of the Office of the President.

e. Hazard Pay Benefits

Hazard pay shall be granted to X-Ray Technicians of the Malacañang Clinic who are exposed to radiation hazard, pursuant to Section 7 of Commonwealth Act No. 402. Hazard duty pay in strife-torn or embattled areas shall be authorized only when a state of emergency in the municipality/city where the government employee works, is declared as such by the Minister of National Defense.

f. Per Diems

Positions in the Office shall be entitled to per diem subject to the provisions of Section 79, P.D. No. 1177.

g. Quarters, Subsistence and Laundry Allowances for Nurses

In lieu of quarters, Nurses shall be granted additional compensation in the form of subsistence and laundry allowance in accordance with Section 3 of Republic Act No. 649.

h. Ceilings

The maximum amount paid for each type of allowance shall be determined in accordance with the pertinent General or Special Provisions in the approved Personal Services Itemization.

Sec. 12. National Compensation and Position Classification Plan. – The compensation and position classification plans approved for the Office of the President are established within the context of P.D. No. 985 and shall not be changed without the approval of the President upon recommendation of the Minister of the Budget.

Sec. 13. Effectivity. – This Order shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 531

**DIRECTING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE IMPLEMENTING
PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 516 AS AMENDED, TO ADMINISTER AND
MANAGE THE KAPAI SETTLEMENT/INTEGRATION PROJECT IN LANA DEL SUR.**

WHEREAS, on October 21, 1978, the President of the Philippines issued Proclamation No. 1798-A reserving for settlement purposes certain parcels of land of the public domain in Kapai, Lanao del Sur, containing an area of 5,500 hectares, more or less;

WHEREAS, pursuant to said proclamation, the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) implementing Presidential Memorandum Order No. 516 as amended, was directed to prepare the area development plan, work program, cost estimates and other technical plans and designs for the total development of the settlement;

WHEREAS, prior to the issuance of said proclamation a significant number of members of the North Mindanao Revolutionary Command surrendered to the President of the Philippines and manifested their desire to be resettled to enable them to live peacefully; that in response thereto, the President of the Philippines ordered and directed the NCC implementing PMO 516 as amended and the Central Mindanao Command (CEMCOM) to take charge of the relocation and rehabilitation of said rebel returnees;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to populate the proposed area not only with rebel returnees but also with deserving mustered-out military personnel, evacuees and other needy persons affected by the conflict in Southern Philippines;

WHEREAS, in the process of developing a settlement/integration center it is necessary to adopt strategic intervention formulas which ensure that the benefits to be derived from the project will be relevant and responsive to national security;

WHEREAS, in the implementation of this crash strategic intervention program, it is desirable that the planners should have a free and direct hand in carrying out the developmental activities, not only for reasons of expediency but also to allow necessary revisions and leeway to effectively carry out its objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct and order:

1) The NCC under PMO 516 hereinafter known as the Committee is hereby charged with the planning, organization, administration and management of the settlement/integration project in Kapai, Lanao del Sur.

2) The Committee is hereby authorized to:

- a) call upon any government agency for assistance in the development of the settlement area;

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- b) harvest the existing timberland in the settlement subject however to forestry laws, rules and regulations, and the proceeds thereof to be used for the development of the settlement and operational expenses of the Committee. For this purpose, the Committee may get the necessary timber license to cut, haul, process, use and dispose of the forest products;
 - c) disburse funds subject to the usual government auditing and accounting requirements for the development of the area and the administrative expenses that are necessary thereto;
 - d) propose and request for appropriations and/or allotment of funds necessary for the development of the area; and
 - e) process and screen the settler-applicants on their qualifications in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations on the matter.

3) The Chairman of the Committee shall sign all requests or approval for release and disbursement of funds and contracts for and in behalf of the Committee.

4) All funds which are appropriated and have been previously released as well as those earmarked for the development of the Kapai settlement/integration project are hereby transferred to the Committee. The Committee is also authorized to reprogram the allocation of said funds to ensure the systematic development of the project.

5) The Committee shall submit to the President a quarterly report on the accomplishments, expenditures, problems and their solutions in the development of the area.

6) Any provision of Proclamation No. 1798-A which is inconsistent or conflicts with this Order is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TIVERA
Presidential Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 532
CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CELEBRATION OF
PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JUNE 12, 1979.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a national committee to take charge of the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 1979.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Minister of Education & Culture - - - - -	Chairman
The Minister of Public Information - - - - -	Vice-Chairman
The Minister of Energy - - - - -	Member
The Minister of the Budget - - - - -	Member
The Presidential Assistant on National Minorities - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Public Works - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Labor - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of National Defense - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Trade - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Local Government & Community Development - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Tourism - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Industry - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Youth & Sports Development - - - - -	Member
The Assistant to the Governor/Chairman, Metro Manila Commission - - -	Member
The Mayor of Manila - - - - -	Member
The Chairman, National Historical Institute - - - - -	Member
The Director, National Media Production Center - - - - -	Member
The Director, Southern Philippines Development Authority - - - - -	Member
The Executive Director, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women - - - - -	Member
The President, Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities - - - - -	Member
The President, Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines - - - - -	Member
The Presidential Protocol Officer - - - - -	Member-Secretary

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and for the purpose of discharging its functions, may create its sub-committees as may be necessary.

The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its duties and functions.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1979). *[Executive Order Nos.: 531 - 605]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 533
CONSOLIDATING ALL PRICE AND WAGE FIXING AUTHORITY
WITH THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT.

WHEREAS, there is a need to centralize authority in matters pertaining to fixing of wages, prices, rents, and other similar matters considering their interrelationships and implications on total development effort;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize the administrative system that handles these problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and by law to reorganize the government by Executive Order, do hereby direct and order the following:

SECTION 1. All agencies involved in the regulation of wages and prices shall continue performing their respective functions in accordance with existing laws, rules, regulations and procedures pertinent thereto.

SEC. 2. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, any or all determinations made by any Ministry, Commission, Bureau, Agency or Office on matters of wages and prices shall be subject to approval by the President of the Philippines. The action taken by the President shall be conveyed to the Batasang Pambansa within a reasonable period which shall remain valid and binding until the Batasang Pambansa alters, modifies, amends or repeal such action taken.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 25th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 534

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MARGINS OF TARIFF PREFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARTICLES NEGOTIATED DURING THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 402 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, shall be accorded the margin of tariff preference as specified in column 4 of said Annex "A" hereof. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN indicated in Column 5 of said Annex "A".

SECTION 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the above-mentioned articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding margins of preference indicated in column 4 of Annex "A".

SECTION 3. After the effective date of this Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SECTION 4. This Order shall take effect as of 15 March 1979.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

Reference: Annex A

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 535
AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE HOME FINANCING COMMISSION, RENAMING IT
AS HOME FINANCING CORPORATION, ENLARGING ITS POWERS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 7, Article II of the Constitution of the Philippines mandates that: “The State shall establish, maintain and insure adequate social services in the field of x x x housing x x x to guarantee the enjoyment by the people of a decent standard of living;”

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 1396 “creating the Ministry of Human Settlements and Human Settlements Development Corporation,” amends the respective charters of corporations, authorizing agencies attached to the Ministry to better pursue and implement constitutional directives;

WHEREAS, P.D. 1396 authorizes the amendment of existing charters or laws affecting the offices attached to the Ministry to make them more responsive to the changing needs of the times;

WHEREAS, the Home Financing Commission is one of the agencies attached to the Ministry of Human Settlements;

WHEREAS, to make the Home Financing Commission a more effective instrument in the solution of the acute housing problems of the country, its charter must be amended accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND, E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Home Financing Commission shall henceforth be constituted and known as the HOME FINANCING CORPORATION, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation. The corporation shall have its principal office in Metro Manila.

2. In addition to the powers and functions vested under the Home Financing Act, the Corporation, shall have, among others, the following additional powers:

a) To require submission of and register articles of incorporation of homeowners associations and issue certificates of incorporation/registration, upon compliance by the registering associations with the duly promulgated rules and regulations thereon; maintain a registry thereof; and exercise all the powers, authorities and responsibilities that are vested on the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to home owners association, the provision of Act 1459, as amended by P.D. 902-A, to the contrary notwithstanding;

b) To regulate and supervise the activities and operations of all homeowners association registered in accordance therewith;

c) To insure and guarantee loans extended to registered homeowners associations for rendering purposes to their members for the construction, restoration and/or improvement of residential homes as well as other structures beneficial to the members of such associations;

d) To revise/adjust periodically all ceilings otherwise fixed in the Home Financing Act, as amended, to conform with the prevailing economic and financial conditions;

e) To extend the benefits granted to building and loan associations under Chapter III of the Home Financing Act, as amended, to private development banks, Savings Bank, rural banks, savings and loan associations, cooperative banks, registered homeowner's associations and other private entities under such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Corporation;

f) To issue, among others, bonds, debentures, securities, collaterals, promissory notes, certificates of indebtedness and other debt instruments in foreign currencies, here or abroad, with the approval of the President after consultation with the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of the Philippines and the Minister of Finance. These bonds and other obligations shall be subject to the same limitations and requirements as provided for herein as well as in the Home Financing Act, as amended;

g) To invest, own or otherwise participate in equity in any public or private establishment, firm or entity doing business that is necessary, allied or desirable in the pursuit of the purpose for which the Corporation was organized;

h) To form, organize, manage and operate such subsidiary or affiliate companies as it may deem necessary to undertake its business; to establish and/or maintain one or more offices or branches in other parts of the Philippines or abroad; provided, that such subsidiary or affiliate companies shall each have a Board of Directors of at least five members in which at least one of the directors representing the Corporation shall be elected from among the incumbent members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation;

i) To do any and all acts and things and to exercise all powers which may be necessary or convenient to the accomplishment or furtherance of its purposes and objectives or which a natural person could do and exercise and which may now or hereafter be authorized by law.

3. The authorized capital stock of the Corporation shall be ONE BILLION (₱1,000,000,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, to be fully subscribed by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and paid as follows:

a) The net assets of and the appropriate for the Home Financing Commission shall form part of the authorized capital of the Corporation.

b) The balance shall be paid by the Government in such sums as may be determined by the Ministry of Human Settlements and the Budget Commission, which amounts shall be included in the annual appropriations until the entire authorized capital of the Corporation shall have been paid in full.

4. The Central Bank of the Philippines is hereby authorized to extend to the Corporation advances which may be needed for its operations and/or grant loans secured by any assets which are defined as acceptable securities by the Monetary Board.

5. The Republic of the Philippines hereby guarantee to payment by the Corporation both of the principal sums and interests of the bonds, debentures, collaterals, notes or such other obligations of the Corporation, issued or incurred by virtue of its Charter and this Executive Order and shall pay such principal sums and interests in the event that the Corporation fails to do so, provided, however, that the aggregate amount of the outstanding obligations shall not, at any one time, exceed fifteen (15) times the capital and surplus of the Corporation.

In such event, the Republic of the Philippines, shall succeed to all the rights of the holders of such bonds, debentures, collaterals, notes or other instruments to the extent of the payments made, unless the sums so paid by the Republic of the Philippines shall be refunded by the Corporation within a reasonable time.

6. The powers and functions of the Corporation shall be exercised by a Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of five (5) members, as follows:

- a) The Minister of Human Settlements, who shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Board;
- b) The Vice-Chairman, who shall be the President of the Corporation shall assist the Chairman and act in his stead in case of the latter's absence or incapacity;
- c) Three (3) other members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, who shall serve for a term of five (5) years unless sooner removed by the President for cause.

7. The Board shall have the following additional powers:

- a) To formulate policies, plans, projects, rules and regulations to carry out effectively the functions of the Corporation;
- b) To direct the management, operations and administration of the Corporation;
- c) To authorize such expenditures by the Corporations as are in the interest of the effective administration and operations of the Corporations;
- d) To create offices or positions necessary for the efficient operations of the Corporation; to appoint and fix the remuneration and other emoluments of subordinate officers and personnel of the Corporation and to remove or otherwise discipline such officers/employees for cause as provided by law; and
- e) To exercise such other powers as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the Corporation was organized;

8. The Vice-Chairman of the Board shall be the President of the Corporation. He shall serve for a term of five (5) years unless sooner removed by the President for cause. He shall receive such salary as may be determined by the Board but in no case less than SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (₱60,000.00) per annum. The Board may authorize payment of allowances and other emoluments to the President of the Corporation.

9. The powers and duties of the President shall be:

- a) To prepare the agenda for meetings of the Board and to submit for the consideration of the Board the policies and measures which are necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions hereof;
- b) To execute and administer the policies and measures approved by the Board;
- c) To represent the Corporation in all dealings with other offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government and with all persons and entities, public or private, domestic or foreign; and
- d) To exercise such other powers as may be vested in him by the Board.

10. The General Manager, who shall be appointed by the Board, shall be the Executive Vice-President of the Corporation. He shall receive such salary as may be determined by the Board but in no case less than FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND PESOS (₱52,000.00) per annum. The Board may authorize payment of allowances and other emoluments to the Executive Vice-President of the Corporation.

11. The Corporation shall coordinate its policies, plans projects and regulations with those of the Ministry of Human Settlements and all other agencies of the Government involved in home building and development and mortgage financing.

The Central Bank of the Philippines is hereby directed to exempt the Corporation and/or its subsidiary/affiliate companies from the coverage of its regulations governing quasi-banking functions.

12. The Office of the Government Corporate Counsel shall be the General Counsel of the Corporation.

13. The Board shall adopt the By-Laws of the Corporation and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the policies and purposes of the Corporation and revise or amend the same as may be expedient.

14. The period of lease, as provided in Sec. 22 (a) of the Home Financing Act, in case the mortgage is on the interest of either lessor or the lessee of the real estate is hereby reduced from not less than forty (40) years to not less than twenty (20) years.

15. Subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines upon consultation with the Minister of Finance, the tax exemptions granted in favor of lending institutions under Sec. 25 (c) of the Home Financing Act, as amended, shall likewise extend to mortgages held by other entities and persons which are insured under the mortgage insurance program of the corporation.

16. The provisions of the Corporation Law, insofar as they are no consistent with the provisions and policies provided herein, shall be applicable to the Corporation.

17. Any provisions of law, decree, executive order, ordinance, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

18. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Executive Order is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

19. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 536
**REORGANIZING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PHILIPPINE EXPORT AND
FOREIGN LOAN GUARANTEE CORPORATION.**

WHEREAS, the Development Bank of the Philippines and the Philippine Overseas Construction Board are among the agencies of the Government involved and actively participating in the operations of the Philippine Export and Foreign Loan Guarantee Corporation;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 550, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1080, creating the Philippine Export and Foreign Loan Guarantee Corporation, the Development Bank of the Philippines and the Philippine Overseas Construction Board are not represented in its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, in order to be more effective in achieving the purposes for which the Philippine Export and Foreign Loan Guarantee Corporation was created, it is necessary that the Development Bank of the Philippines and the Philippine Overseas Construction Board be duly represented in its Board of Directors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Natural Resources shall be replaced as Members of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Export and Foreign Loan Guarantee Corporation by the Chairman of the Development Bank of the Philippines and the Chairman of the Philippine Overseas Construction Board.

SECTION 2. The President of the Philippines may designate from among the members of the Board a Vice-Chairman who shall assist the Chairman and act in his stead in case of absence or incapacity.

SECTION 3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 537
CREATING THE GARMENTS AND TEXTILE EXPORT BOARD, DEFINING ITS POWERS
AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to develop and promote exports essential for the maintenance of a sustained economic growth, generating the much needed foreign exchange and the maintenance of a stable position in international reserves;

WHEREAS, an increasing number of countries seek to impose restraint levels on Philippine exports of textiles and garments under the Arrangement regarding the International Trade in Textiles, also known as the Multi-Fibre Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has concluded several international trade agreements for the export of textiles and garments with other countries;

WHEREAS, there is a need to insure an equitable allocation of export quotas and authorizations to both old and new garments and textile manufacturers to maximize and spread the economic benefits to be derived from such international Agreements; and

WHEREAS, there is also a need to insure proper, orderly and expeditious implementation of said Agreements and effect coordinated efforts in line with the existing government trade development programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby direct and order the following:

SECTION 1. Garments and Textile Export Board. – There is hereby created a Garments and Textile Export Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, to be composed of the Minister of Trade or his representative, as Chairman, and the Minister of Industry and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs or their representatives, as Members.

The Garments and Textile Export Board created under Presidential Decree No. 1440 is hereby abolished and its powers and functions as well as funds, properties, records and documents are hereby transferred to the Board herein established.

The Board shall be under the Office of the President.

SEC. 2. Statement of Policies. –

- a. Quota allocations shall be administered in a manner whereby no individuals or firms, whether directly, indirectly or through their affiliates, shall hold monopoly positions.
- b. New manufacturers shall be given equitable and tangible shares in the allocation of quotas.
- c. Performance must be assessed on the basis of manufacturer's in-plant capacities. Performance that could justifiably be attributed to sub-contractors may entitle such sub-contractors to compete for the quota.
- d. Quota allocations shall not be given to middlemen or traders.
- e. Partly finished garments or worked textiles shall not be imported, tagged and exported as a Philippine product under quota/restraint level.

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- f. The Board, through the Commissioner of Customs and/or any of the investigating agencies of the national government as the circumstances may warrant, shall cause the examination of textile shipments, including importations of raw materials and supplies intended for the manufacture of export products, under quota/restraint level.

SEC. 3. Powers and Functions of the Board. – The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To oversee the implementation of the garments and textile agreements between the Republic of the Philippines and other countries, particularly the administration of garments and textile quotas;
- b. To approve quota allocations and export authorizations, to issue export licenses and to adopt the necessary measures to expedite the processing of the same;
- c. To provide on a regular basis the necessary information and statistics relating to the administration of garments and textile export quotas and the flow of garments and textile exports, for monitoring purposes and in order to obtain maximum benefits from the textile negotiations with other countries;
- d. To promulgate and implement rules and regulations to administer all international textile agreements entered into between the Republic of the Philippines and importing countries, in pursuance of the policies enumerated under Section 2 of this Order; and
- e. To fix and collect reasonable fees for the issuance of export quotas, export authorizations, export licenses and other related services, in accordance with guidelines specified in the rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. Secretariat. – The Board is hereby authorized to create a Secretariat to be composed of technical as well as administrative staff as may be necessary to assist the Board in the accomplishment of its responsibilities and functions under this Order. The Secretariat shall hold office in the Ministry of Trade.

The Secretariat shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Chairman.

The regular professional and technical personnel of the Secretariat shall be permanent and career in status.

SEC. 5. Powers and Functions of the Chairman. – The Executive Director and the Secretariat shall be responsible to the Board: Provided, however, That the Chairman shall, in behalf of the Board, exercise direct supervision and control over them. He shall also have the power to appoint and discipline personnel of the Secretariat in accordance with law, subject to confirmation by the Board.

The Chairman shall also approve the agenda for Board meetings, convene and preside over meetings and exercise such other functions as may be delegated to him by the Board.

The Chairman shall designate an Officer-in-Charge to act as Executive Director pending appointment and qualification of an Executive Director and/or where the incumbent Executive Director has been physically and/or mentally incapacitated.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. – The amount of One Million Pesos (₱1,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to defray organizational and operational expenses of the Board for the calendar year 1979. Thereafter such sums as may be necessary to support the operation of the Board shall be included in the Annual Appropriations Acts.

SEC. 7. Per Diems. – The Chairman and Members of the Board shall be entitled to receive a per diem of Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (₱250.00) each for every meeting actually attended by them: Provided, That the total amount of per diems that any member may receive shall not exceed One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) per month.

SEC. 8. Penalties. – The Board is hereby authorized to prescribe appropriate penalties for violations of the rules and regulations promulgated by it pursuant to this Order.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. – This Order repeals Presidential Decree No. 1440 as well as all laws, orders, decrees or rules inconsistent with any provisions hereof.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. – This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 24th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 538
PRESCRIBING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUNDS.

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 7, Article II of the Constitution of the Philippines, P.D. 1530 instituted a system of voluntary contributions from employees, and their employers, for housing purposes, establishing thereby the Home Development Mutual Funds, to be administered by the GSIS and SSS for government and private employees respectively;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 527, while centralizing the responsibility of dealing with the housing problem by transferring the administration of the Funds to the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation, nevertheless inadequately gives due course to the true spirit and intent of P.D. 1530;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and direct the following effective immediately:

1. For the purpose of attaining unified management cost-savings resulting from economies of scale, and more stable financial viability, the Home Development Mutual Funds shall be merged into one FUND under the management and administration of the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation;
2. To highlight the private character of the Fund, being as it is the pool of voluntary contributions from the employer and employees for the benefit of the latter, the collection of contributions may be effected, not only through the GSIS and SSS, but also through collection banks, private or government duly as credited by the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation;
3. So as to enable the employers to gradually gear their financial plans to the objectives of P.D. 1530, there shall be a transitory period up to December 31, 1980, wherein the participation of employers is made voluntary in nature. Upon the expiration of said period, which may be extended by the President from time to time when, upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the NHMFC, the conditions so require, the contributions of the employer's counterpart shall be compulsory.

Nothing herein, however, should be construed to restrict the right of the employee, to begin his membership in the Fund even before his employer is financially prepared to pay the counterpart in which case, for him to be a member qualified for the Fund's housing loan benefit, he must also remit what his employer should have contributed.

4. In conformity with its charter, the NHMFC, may by under the Rules that it shall promulgate, course the lending operation of the Fund, through duly accredited banks, both government and private who may be asked to originate the home mortgages of borrowing members on the basis of a purchase commitment from the NHMFC as administrator of the Fund.

5. In recognition of housing as a priority concern of the Government, notwithstanding any provisions of existing law, decree, executive or administrative order, rule or regulation to the contrary, the Fund, as well as all distributions therefrom, whether of income or equity received by the members thereof, shall be exempt from the payment of any and all forms of taxes, tariffs, and duties, fees, imposts and assessments, and other charges, and no law hereafter enacted shall take this exemption away without a specific provision to that effect. Moreover, the payment of the benefits due from the Fund, to the extent of the employee's equity, shall be guaranteed by the Republic of the Philippines.
6. Any provision of law, decrees, executive order, ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
7. If for any reason, any foregoing section or provisions declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 539
CREATING A COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE SAFETY TO
THE PUBLIC OF ALL NUCLEAR PLANTS IN THE COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, to afford the country with maximum safety against the dangers of possible nuclear contamination, there is a necessity to conduct a formal inquiry and/or investigation into the dangers, if any, that may arise from the existence and operation of the proposed nuclear plant in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Commission to conduct an inquiry on the safety to the public of the proposed nuclear plant in the country, composed of the following:

Hon. Lorenzo Tañada	–	Chairman
Hon. Ricardo Puno	–	Co-Chairman

and such other members as the President may appoint.

The Commission may call any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned and -controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its duties and functions.

The Minister of Energy is hereby authorized to allocate such amount out of the Special Fund at the disposal of the Ministry of Energy, subject to the approval of the President, as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 540
PROVIDING FOR A PHILIPPINE FOREIGN TRADE SERVICE CORPS IN
THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the policy and objective of the Philippine Government to encourage the growth of markets for Philippine products abroad;

WHEREAS, the task of a foreign trade service differs in focus from that of the general run of a diplomatic service in that the mission of the foreign trade service, particularly for a developing country, is to get more of its exports sold to the rest of the world, while the usual mission of its diplomatic service is to get the country esteemed abroad; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 523 prescribes guidelines in the restructuring of the Foreign Service of the Philippines and in particular the definition of goals and objectives of diplomatic missions abroad on the promotion and expansion of Philippine exports, the attraction of foreign tourists to visit the Philippines and the promotion of investments in Philippine enterprises;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President and Prime Minister of the Philippines do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Foreign Trade Service Corps. – There shall be a Foreign Trade Service Corps in the Ministry of Trade, which shall be career in nature and where the appointments shall be made in the manner prescribed in this Order.

SECTION 2. Functions and Duties. – The Corps shall have the following duties and functions:

- a) Explore and develop the potentials of Philippine products in different export markets.
- b) Extend to Philippine businessmen, producers and exporters, assistance in establishing business connections with importers and the business communities of different export markets.
- c) Monitor the commercial, industrial, and general economic conditions, as well as non-economic conditions, affecting Philippine products in the various export markets.
- d) Encourage the inflow of foreign investments into priority investment areas of the Philippine Government.
- e) Make representation for the reduction and/or elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers, affecting the entry of Philippine products in a particular export market.
- f) Participate in such international forum having to do with international trade and trade policies.
- g) Facilitate the export of Philippine products in particular markets abroad.

SECTION 3. Foreign Trade Service Board. – There is hereby created a Foreign Trade Service Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, to be composed of the Deputy Minister of Trade as Chairman, a representative from the Civil Service Commission to be designated by the Chairman and the Director-General for Administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as members.

SECTION 4. Functions of the Board. – The Board shall have the following functions:

- a) Prescribe and implement such guidelines for the recruitment of Foreign Trade Service Officers, including the receipt and certification of applications for the foreign trade examinations based on the qualifications provided herein, and the preparation, conduct and grading of written, oral and such other examinations as may be required;
- b) Recommend the appointment and promotion of competent qualified persons in the Foreign Trade Service Corps;
- c) Evaluate the performance of members of the Corps, according to set standards; and
- d) Prescribe such policies and procedures to govern the administration, career development and personnel management of the Corps.

SECTION 5. Categories of Personnel. – The Foreign Trade Service Corps shall be composed of the following categories of personnel:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Grades</u>
I	Special Trade Representative	
II	Trade Service Officer	1, 2, 3, 4
III	Trade Service Staff Officer	1, 2, 3

The basis for classification of the Foreign Trade Service Officers in the foregoing categories shall be according to guidelines that shall be prescribed by the Board and approved by the Civil Service Commission.

SECTION 6. Salaries and Other Compensation. – The salary and compensation scheme for the Foreign Trade Service Corps shall be equivalent to the rates fixed for Foreign Service personnel under PD 905 and Letter of Implementation 63 and such other orders and rules applicable to the Foreign Service, provided, that the assimilated ranks of the Corps shall be as follows:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Assimilated Ranks</u>
Class I	
Special Trade Representative	Career Counselor
Class II	
Trade Service Officer 1	Foreign Service Officer, Class I
Trade Service Officer 2	Foreign Service Officer, Class II
Trade Service Officer 3	Foreign Service Officer, Class III
Trade Service Officer 4	Foreign Service Officer, Class IV
Class III	
Trade Service Staff Officer 1	Foreign Service Staff Officer I
Trade Service Staff Officer 2	Foreign Service Staff Officer II
Trade Service Staff Officer 3	Foreign Service Staff Officer III

Provided, further, that the assimilated rank of the Foreign Trade Service Officers shall confer upon said officers the corresponding diplomatic rank for purposes of protocol, and, provided finally, that no members of the Foreign Trade Service Corps shall serve as acting principal officer of any

consulate, consulate general or embassy, or precede in rank any Foreign Service Officer performing such functions irrespective of their respective rank.

SECTION 7. Admission into the Corps. – No person shall be eligible for appointment as a Foreign Trade Service Officer unless he possesses the required qualifications specified herein.

SECTION 8. Qualifications for Admission into the Foreign Trade Service Corps. – Any person is eligible for appointment into the Foreign Trade Service Corps provided that he has the following qualifications:

- a) A citizen of the Philippines, who is not less than 21 years and not more than 35 years, of age;
- b) Holder of a Bachelor's degree from a College or University of recognized standing, at least;
- c) Willing and physically able to accept assignments anywhere in the world;
- d) Knowledgeable in the cultural, political, and economic realities of the Philippines; and
- e) Possesses the required eligibility, prescribed by the Civil Service Commission.

Provided, that any person who, prior to the approval of this Order, is already performing official commercial representation abroad, shall be considered eligible for admission into the Corps subject to such rules and regulations promulgated by the Board.

SECTION 9. Appointments and Promotions. – The Minister shall recommend to the President, upon Certification of the Board, appointments to the positions of Special Trade Representative and Trade Service Officer. All other officers of the Corps shall be appointed by the Minister of Trade, upon recommendation of the Board.

Promotions shall be based on merit, performance, length of service, and such other criteria as may be prescribed by the Board.

SECTION 10. Assignment Abroad of Members of the Foreign Trade Service Corps. – Assignment abroad of members of the Foreign Trade Service Corps shall be made by the Minister of Trade with the concurrence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and shall be based on the qualifications of the officer to be assigned and such criteria as volume of trade potential, presence of international organization, availability of export financing, center for technology transfer, transshipment center, trade policy center, new export market and a center for strategic imports: Provided, that the said officer shall serve in a post of assignment for a period of not less than two years and more than six years.

Whenever a Foreign Trade Service Officer is given an assignment abroad, he shall be given the appropriate designation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to enable him to perform his duties and functions effectively, provided, that while they are abroad, they shall be under the supervision of the Head of Mission as provided under Ministry of Foreign Affairs Order No. 22-68 and Ministry of Trade Administrative Order No. 2.

SECTION 11. Supplementary Rules and Regulations. – The Minister, with the approval of the President/Prime Minister, shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 12. Repeal Clause. – All Acts, Decrees, Executive Orders, rules and regulations or part thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 13. Effectivity Clause. – This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 541
CREATING A COMMITTEE TO GATHER THE MEMORABILIA OF THE LATE
CHIEF JUSTICE FRED RUIZ CASTRO.

WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Fred Ruiz Castro has enshrined himself as one of the legal pillars of our country;

WHEREAS, to perpetuate his memory, there is a need to gather all memorabilia of his life and achievements for the youth to appreciate and emulate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Committee to gather all memorabilia of the late Chief Justice Fred Ruiz Castro, composed of the following:

Hon. Ricardo C. Puno	–	Chairman
Col. Mariano Yanko, Jr.	–	Member
Mrs. Natividad H. Castro	–	Member

and such other members as the President may appoint.

The Committee is hereby empowered to select an appropriate place where the memorabilia shall be stored or exhibited permanently.

All ministries, bureaus, offices, agencies or instrumentalities of the government are hereby enjoined to cooperate with or assist the Committee.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 542
CREATING THE TASK FORCE PAWIKAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the conservation of the economically important marine turtles now in the verge of total depletion;

WHEREAS, a greater national involvement is necessary to ensure the survival and development of industries related to specific marine resources;

WHEREAS, the factors related to the causes of over exploitation situation is not met with a concerted effort of concerned agencies it is inevitable that these valuable marine resources will be lost as a major source of livelihood of Filipinos, especially the seafaring tribes and Muslims;

WHEREAS, in order to initiate and generate an aggressive conservation movement, to create substitute avocations for seafaring tribes, so as to attain a balance necessary to perpetuate the existence and sustained yield of marine turtle resources to contribute their optimum share in the economy of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. A TASK FORCE PAWIKAN is hereby created under the Office of the President to (a) enforce existing rules and regulations pertaining to marine turtles, (b) conduct field investigations relevant to formulation of updated policies for the economic utilization of the species, (c) conduct Information and Extension Work aimed at making people responsive to and participative in the marine turtle conservation movement, (d) conduct socio-economic surveys to be used as basis in the formulation of substitute avocations which people currently utilizing marine turtles can engage in so as to ease up the pressure on marine turtle population, and (e) coordinate with international agencies concerned with the conservation of marine turtles.

SEC. 2. A Task Force Pawikan Council is created and shall be chaired by the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources. The Council upon recommendation of the Chairman shall appoint the Executive Officer who shall be responsible for the actual conduct of activities of the Council in pursuit of the objectives stated in Section 1 and 4 hereof. The Council shall be composed of representatives of the following:

Ministry of Natural Resources
National Economic Development Authority
Office of the Regional Coordinator, Southwestern Mindanao Region
Ministry of Local Government and Community Development
Ministry of Trade
Ministry of Cultural Minorities
Ministry of Education and Culture
Ministry of Agriculture
Ministry of Public Information
National Media Production Center

University of the Philippines
Philippine Council for Agriculture Resources Research
Ministry of Human Settlements
Forest Research Institute

SEC. 3. Task Force Pawikan shall select, establish and manage marine turtle sanctuaries exclusively for the propagation and absolute protection of marine turtles.

SEC. 4. There is hereby set aside for the current year and annually thereafter for a period of six years, out of the Special Activities Fund the amount of ₱2,000,000.00 for the Task Force and Council.

SEC. 5. After six years from approval hereof, the Council shall turn-over the project including all its activities and resources to the Government agency it deems appropriate.

SEC. 6. All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 543
CONSTITUTING THE PRESIDENT’S CENTER FOR SPECIAL STUDIES OUT OF
THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Center for Advanced Studies is at present an autonomous unit of the University of the Philippines System and is engaged in research and policy studies, in offering degree programs in Asian Studies, Islamic Studies and Philippine Studies, and in rendering various community services and publishing scholarly works;

WHEREAS, the academic programs in the Philippine Center for Advanced Studies and those of other units of the University of the Philippines are best administered by a single Governing Board;

WHEREAS, the Government and in particular the Office of the President requires specialized and competent staff in research and policy studies;

WHEREAS, the President is empowered by P.D. No. 1416 to conduct the continuing reorganization of Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby Order:

SECTION 1. – Creation of the President’s Center for Special Studies. The President’s Center for Special Studies, hereinafter referred as to as “Center”, is hereby created out of the research and policy studies group of the Philippine Center for Advanced Studies (PCAS).

SECTION 2. – Objectives. The Center shall conduct policy research and development studies for the Office of the President. As part of its work, the Center shall perform surveys and undertake programs of research and investigation on such topics as may be assigned to it by the President, or on its own initiative.

SECTION 3. – Organization. – The Center shall be a part of the Office of the President and shall be headed by a Special Assistant for Special Studies, who shall be its Executive Director. Its staff shall initially consist of the faculty, research and administrative and other support staff of the PCAS who are appointed to the Center by the Executive Director. The organization and staffing pattern of the Center shall be approved in accordance with pertinent civil service, organization, budget and compensation law and regulations.

SECTION 4. – Abolition of the Philippine Center for Advanced Studies. The Philippine Center for Advanced Studies is hereby abolished. Its academic programs are transferred to the University of the Philippines System, whose Board of Regents may continue, abolish, modify, or otherwise absorb the existing academic and other programs of PCAS not transferred to the Center: Provided, That the Institute of Islamic Studies shall be a separate unit of the University of the Philippines System: Provided, Further, That the University of the Philippines shall not be obliged to absorb all the personnel of PCAS not employed by the Center, in which case the unabsorbed staff members shall be entitled to all retirement and termination benefits under existing regulations.

SECTION 5. – Transfer of Properties and Obligations. – All property, including records and equipment, and the obligations of the PCAS shall be transferred to the Center, except for its holdings of library and academic material which shall be transferred to the University of the Philippines for

the use of the Institute of Islamic Studies. The present building of the PCAS in the University of the Philippines Campus in Quezon City shall be transferred to the University of the Philippines for the use of the Institute of Islamic Studies: Provided, That the Center shall continue to occupy such portions of the building as it may require until such time as it is able to transfer to permanent quarters.

SECTION 6. – Transfer of Appropriations. – The appropriations of the PCAS for policy studies and research shall be transferred to the Center. Those in support of academic programs shall be transferred to the University of the Philippines.

SECTION 7. – Part Time Staff. – The Center may conduct its work directly through full time or part time staff, or on contract with qualified groups, individuals, or institutions which it may engage on project or retainer basis, in every case safeguarding the integrity of data, methodology, recommendations, and analysis. The Center may likewise obtain the services of personnel of other government agencies, including Government-owned or controlled corporations and state universities and colleges, and compensate such Government personnel for additional work done, in the form of honoraria or other emoluments, subject to pertinent rules and regulations on such additional compensation. Government retirees employed by the Center shall not be required to reimburse or refund any gratuity received from the Government nor shall any pension or annuity to which they are entitled be suspended or reduced on account of their employment with the Center.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 544
CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF
THE TAMARAW, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, hereby order and direct the following:

Pursuant to the declared policy of the state to conserve the Tamaraw as a source of national pride being the only species of its kind in the world, and in order to strengthen present government programs for the conservation of the Tamaraw, there is hereby created a Presidential Committee for the Conservation of the Tamaraw which shall be composed of the following:

Minister Manuel Elizalde, Jr.	–	Chairman
Assemblyman Luis Yulo	–	Member
Assistant Director Jesus Alvarez, Jr.	–	Member

The Committee shall exercise the following functions and powers:

- a. Recommend to the President policies to be adopted with regard to the protection of the Tamaraw;
- b. Initiate programs and projects as may be necessary for the conservation and protection of the Tamaraw and coordinate the implementation thereof;
- c. Prescribe rules, and regulations or otherwise institute measures necessary to implement the plans and policies adopted for the conservation of the Tamaraw;
- d. Coordinate programs and activities of government agencies and private organizations involved in Tamaraw protection and conservation;
- e. Take such action as may be required including the delineation and fencing of any areas within the Tamaraw habitat for the establishment of gene pools or captive herds to ensure the Tamaraw's survival; Provided, that, such gene pools may be established in any other place considered appropriate by the President;
- f. Solicit and accept donations in cash or in kind from domestic and international sources in support of its activities;
- g. Initiate programs and activities geared towards encouraging the active participation and involvement of the private sector in the conservation efforts of the Committee;
- h. Enter, make and execute contracts of any kind as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of its purposes with any person or corporation;
- i. Call on any government agency, office or instrumentality or local governments including the Armed Forces of the Philippines for such assistance as it may deem necessary for the performance of its functions and powers;

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- j. Undertake such activities as may be necessary to promote the Tamaraw and its habitat as a tourist attraction;
 - k. Encourage, support, coordinate and/or undertake scientific studies and researches concerning the Tamaraw and cause the publication of such studies as may be deemed appropriate by the Committee;
 - l. Do all such things, transact all such business and perform such functions directly or indirectly necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes and objectives of the Committee.

For the implementation of the purposes and objectives of this order, the Committee is hereby authorized to organize and establish a Technical staff composed of qualified personnel and may hire services of experts and consultants, both local and foreign. Further, it may enlist the services of government officials and employees as may be necessary, and through the PANAMIN, tap to the widest extent possible, the services of members of the national minorities within the various Tamaraw reservations.

Pending formalization of its funding source, the Committee is further authorized to draw its funding requirements from available funds of the Office of the Presidential Assistant on National Minorities, and/or other government agencies and offices participating in the Tamaraw conservation program.

The Committee shall report regularly to the President on the progress of its activities.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 545
MERGER OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AND SCHOOL OF NURSING OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, there are at present two schools of nursing in the University of the Philippines System, namely, the School of Nursing at the Philippine General Hospital created under Act No. 2467 and the College of Nursing created by the Board of Regents of the University 1948;

WHEREAS, the continued operation of the two units offering practically the same courses while requiring the administrative and academic bodies is economically wasteful and administratively cumbersome, and therefore, not properly promotive of educational goals of the New Society;

WHEREAS, considerations of efficiency and economy, as well as modern trends in nursing education establish the advantages of only one College of Nursing in the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby Order:

SECTION 1. The School of Nursing of the Philippine General Hospital and the College of Nursing of the University of the Philippines are hereby merged into one unit which shall hereafter be called the College of Nursing of the University of the Philippines System.

SECTION 2. There shall be close coordination between the College of Nursing and the Philippine General Hospital in the areas of practical training, patient care and research.

SECTION 3. The College of Nursing shall be under the supervision and control of the Board of Regents, University of the Philippines System. Its administrative set-up, curriculum, and faculty appointments shall be made under such rules as the Board of Regents may adopt.

SECTION 4. The Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines System may authorize the establishment of scholarships in the College of Nursing covering free tuition, and a board and subsistence assistance in accordance with such rules as it may adopt.

SECTION 5. The University of the Philippines shall provide for the budgetary outlay of the College of Nursing; however, the Philippine General Hospital may contribute thereto in furtherance of the clinical training and educational programs of the hospital, provided that the intended purpose is to evolve and enhance the patient-care objectives of the hospital, the extent of which shall be determined by the Director of the PGH; the PGH shall share in providing the budgetary outlay for the former authorized positions chargeable to the former School of Nursing until such time as such positions shall no longer be authorized or shall have been absorbed by the University of the Philippines.

SECTION 6. Students who have been admitted to the School of Nursing program as of June 1977 shall continue to enjoy free tuition, board and subsistence as provided by Act 2467, until they shall have completed the requirements of the aforementioned program but not later than the end of the first semester of academic year 1980-81.

SECTION 7. Provisions of existing laws, orders and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 546
CREATING A MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND A MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS

WHEREAS, the accelerated pace of national development requires the effective, purposeful and unified implementation of public works projects and the effective control and supervision of transportation and communications facilities and services;

WHEREAS, the development, rehabilitation, improvement, construction, maintenance and repairs of ports, flood control and drainage systems, buildings, water supply systems; and other public works facilities involve the utilization of technologies and manpower different from those required for the control and supervision of transportation and communications facilities and services;

WHEREAS, a rational distribution of the functions of government pertaining to public works on one hand and control and supervision of facilities and services related to transportation and communications on the other would enhance the efficiency of government;

WHEREAS, in keeping with the policy of government to effect continuing reforms in the organizational structure to enhance efficiency and effectiveness, it is necessary to entrust in one ministry all functions pertaining to the construction, repair and maintenance of public works facilities and restructure the organization for the control and supervision of transportation and communications facilities and services in the country; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is given continuing authority to reorganize the National Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

A. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

SECTION 1. Creation of a Ministry of Public Works. – There is hereby created a Ministry of Public Works, hereinafter referred to as the Ministry, which shall assume the public works functions of the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications and such other functions as may be assigned to it by law.

SEC. 2. Authority and Responsibility. – The authority and responsibility for the Ministry shall be vested in the Minister of Public Works who shall be assisted by one career Deputy Minister, unless otherwise determined by the President.

SEC. 3. Functions. – The Ministry shall be responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of portworks, harbor facilities, lighthouses, navigational aids, shore protection works, airport buildings and associated facilities, public buildings and school buildings, monuments and other

related structures, as well as undertaking harbor and river dredging works, reclamation of foreshore and swampland areas, water supply, and flood control and drainage works.

SEC. 4. Organization of the Ministry. – The Ministry shall be composed of the ministry proper made up of the immediate Office of the Minister, a Planning Service, an Administrative Service, a Financial and Management Service, an Infrastructure Computer Center, a Project Management Information System Service, a Rural Infrastructure Project Office, and a Building Research and Development Staff; four (4) bureaus, namely, Bureau of Buildings, Bureau of Ports, Harbors and Reclamation, Bureau of Water Supply, and Bureau of Flood Control and Drainage; and the regional offices.

The Planning Service, the Administrative Service, and the Financial and Management Service shall perform functions conforming with those provided for in appropriate provisions of Part II of the Integrated Reorganization Plan.

The Bureau of Buildings, the Bureau of Ports, Harbors and Reclamation, the Bureau of Water Supply, and the Bureau of Flood Control and Drainage shall correspondingly absorb the applicable functions of the divisions of the Bureau of Public Works which is hereby abolished pursuant to Section 19 of this Executive Order.

The Infrastructure Computer Center, the Building Research and Development Staff, and the Rural Infrastructure Project Office of the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications are reconstituted in the Ministry with the same functions.

The Ministry shall have regional offices in such places and of such number as may be authorized under Article I, Chapter III, Part II of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended.

SEC. 5. Relationship Between the Ministry Proper, the Bureaus and the Regional Offices. – The Office of the Minister shall have direct line supervision over the bureaus and regional offices. The ministry proper shall be responsible for developing the implementing programs for the Ministry.

The Bureaus shall be essentially staff in character and as such, shall exercise only functional supervision over the regional offices.

The regional offices shall constitute the operating arms of the ministry proper with responsibility for directly implementing the plans and programs of the Ministry in accordance with adopted policies, standards and guidelines.

B. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

SEC. 6. Creation of a Ministry of Transportation and Communications. – There is hereby created a Ministry of Transportation and Communications, hereinafter referred to as the Ministry, which shall be the primary policy, planning, programming, coordinating, implementing, regulating and administrative entity of the executive branch of the government in the promotion, development, and regulation of a dependable and coordinated network of transportation and communication systems in pursuance of the following objectives:

- a. Promote the development of a dependable and coordinated network of transportation systems;
- b. Guide government and private investments in the development of the country's inter-modal transport and communication systems in a most practical, expeditious, and orderly fashion for maximum safety, service, and cost effectiveness;

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- c. Impose appropriate measures so that technical, economic and other conditions for the continuing economic viability of the transport and communications entities are not jeopardized and do not encourage inefficiencies and distortion of traffic patronage;
 - d. Provide, extend and operate by itself or through or together with other entities, private or government, local or national, telephone, telegraph, telex and other public telecommunications services throughout the country whenever economic, social and political development activities warrant the provision thereof: Provided, however, That the national economic viability of the entire network or components thereof is maintained at reasonable rates;
 - e. Develop an integrated nationwide transmission system by itself or through or together with other entities in accordance with national and international telecommunications service standards to meet all telecommunications service requirements including, among others, radio and television broadcast relaying, leased channel services and data transmission;
 - f. Establish, operate and maintain by itself or through or together with other entities an international switching system for incoming and outgoing international telecommunications services;
 - g. Encourage the development of a domestic telecommunications industry in coordination with the concerned entities, particularly the manufacture of communications/electronics equipment and components to complement and support, as much as possible, the expansion, development, operation and maintenance of the nationwide telecommunications network; and
 - h. Provide for a safe, fast, reliable and efficient postal system for the country.

SEC. 7. Authority and Responsibility. – Authority and responsibility for the Ministry shall be vested in the Minister of Transportation and Communications who shall be assisted by one career Deputy Minister, unless otherwise determined by the President.

SEC. 8. Functions. – The Ministry shall have the following functions:

- a. Coordinate and supervise all activities of the Ministry relative to transportation and communications;
 - b. Formulate and recommend national policies and guidelines for the preparation and implementation of an integrated and comprehensive transportation and communications system at the national, regional and local levels;
 - c. Establish and administer comprehensive and integrated programs for transportation and communications, and for this purpose, may call on any agency, corporation, or organization, whether government or private, whose development programs include transportation and communications as an integral part to participate and assist in the preparation and implementation of such programs;
 - d. Regulate, whenever necessary, activities relative to transportation and communications and prescribe and collect fees in the exercise of such power;
 - e. Assess, review and provide direction to transportation and communications research and development programs of the government in coordination with other institutions concerned; and
 - f. Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Executive Order.
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SEC. 9. Organization of the Ministry. – The Ministry shall be composed of the ministry proper made up of the immediate Office of the Minister, an Administrative Service, a Financial and Management Service and a Planning Service; four (4) bureaus, namely, Bureau of Land Transportation, Bureau of Air Transportation, Bureau of Telecommunications, and Bureau of Posts; and a National Telecommunications Commission.

The Administrative Service, Financial and Management Service, and Planning Service shall perform functions conforming with those provided for in appropriate provisions of Part II of the Integrated Reorganization Plan.

The Board of Transportation created under Article III, Chapter I, Part X of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended, shall be under the administrative supervision of the Ministry and shall continue to exercise the powers and functions entrusted to it by law. The Board shall have a technical staff.

SEC. 10. Bureau of Land Transportation. – The Land Transportation Commission is hereby renamed Bureau of Land Transportation and shall continue to perform its regulatory and enforcement functions, including the registration of public utility vehicles and the enforcement of the decisions of the Board of Transportation with regard to public utility vehicles.

The Director of Land Transportation shall be an ex-officio member of the Land Transportation Division of the Board of Transportation.

SEC. 11. Bureau of Air Transportation. – The Civil Aeronautics Administration is hereby renamed Bureau of Air Transportation and shall continue to perform its functions relating to the promotion and development of policies, plans, programs and standards for the construction and maintenance of airports and their facilities including buildings and runways. The repair and maintenance of these facilities shall be the responsibility of the Bureau: Provided, however, That the construction of runways and the terminal buildings and related structures shall be done by the Ministry of Public Works or Ministry of Public Highways as the case may be, at the instance of the Bureau.

The Director of Air Transportation shall be an ex-officio member of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

SEC. 12. Bureau of Posts. – The Bureau of Posts shall continue to be responsible for providing a safe, fast, reliable and efficient postal service in the country.

SEC. 13. Bureau of Telecommunications. – The Bureau of Telecommunications shall continue to be responsible for providing telecommunications facilities, including telephone systems for government offices; providing communications services for purposes of augmenting limited or inadequate existing similar private communication services; extending communications in areas where no such services are available; and assisting the private sector engaged in telecommunications services by providing and maintaining backbone telecommunication networks.

SEC. 14. National Telecommunications Commission. – The Board of Communications created under Article III, Chapter I, Part X of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended, and the Telecommunications Control Bureau created under Article IX, Chapter I, Part X of the same Plan, as amended, are integrated into a single entity to be known as the National Telecommunications Commission and hereinafter referred to as the Commission.

SEC. 15. Functions of the Commission. – The Commission shall exercise the following functions:

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- a. Issue Certificate of Public Convenience for the operation of communications utilities and services, radio communications systems, wire or wireless telephone or telegraph systems, radio and television broadcasting system and other similar public utilities;
 - b. Establish, prescribe and regulate areas of operation of particular operators of public service communications; and determine and prescribe charges or rates pertinent to the operation of such public utility facilities and services except in cases where charges or rates are established by international bodies or associations of which the Philippines is a participating member or by bodies recognized by the Philippine Government as the proper arbiter of such charges or rates;
 - c. Grant permits for the use of radio frequencies for wireless telephone and telegraph systems and radio communication systems including amateur radio stations and radio and television broadcasting systems;
 - d. Sub-allocate series of frequencies of bands allocated by the International Telecommunications Union to the specific services;
 - e. Establish and prescribe rules, regulations, standards, specifications in all cases related to the issued Certificate of Public Convenience and administer and enforce the same;
 - f. Coordinate and cooperate with government agencies and other entities concerned with any aspect involving communications with a view to continuously improve the communications service in the country;
 - g. Promulgate such rules and regulations, as public safety and interest may require, to encourage a larger and more effective use of communications, radio and television broadcasting facilities, and to maintain effective competition among private entities in these activities whenever the Commission finds it reasonably feasible;
 - h. Supervise and inspect the operation of radio stations and telecommunications facilities;
 - i. Undertake the examination and licensing of radio operators;
 - j. Undertake, whenever necessary, the registration of radio transmitters and transceivers; and
 - k. Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law.

SEC. 16. Organization of the Commission. – The Commission shall be composed of a Commissioner and two Deputy Commissioners, preferably one of whom shall be a lawyer and another an economist. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners shall be of unquestioned integrity, proven competence, and recognized as experts in their fields, related, as much as possible, to communications.

The Commission shall determine its organization structure and personnel subject to the approval of the Ministry and other authorities concerned.

The Commission shall be under the supervision and control of the Ministry, except that with respect to its quasi-judicial functions, its decisions shall be appealable in the same manner as the decisions of the Board of Communications had been appealed.

The Commission may have regional offices in places and of such number as may be authorized under Article I, Chapter III, Part II of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended.

SEC. 17. Telecommunication Stations Operated by the Armed Forces of the Philippines. – Telecommunication stations owned and operated by the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall not be subject to the provisions of this Executive Order except that all such stations shall use frequencies as may be allowed/assigned by the Commission.

SEC. 18. International Treaties, Conventions and Agreements. – International treaties, conventions and agreements on telecommunications to which the Philippine Government is a signatory shall form part of this Executive Order insofar as they are applicable to the Philippines.

C. OTHER PROVISIONS

SEC. 19. Abolished/Transferred Agencies. –

- a. The ministry proper of the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications composed of its services, divisions and units is abolished and its functions are correspondingly transferred to the appropriate services, divisions and units of the Ministry of Public Works and/or the Ministry of Transportation and Communications as may be necessary and appropriate.
- b. The Bureau of Public Works is abolished and its functions are correspondingly transferred to the appropriate bureaus, divisions, units or regional offices of the Ministry of Public Works: Provided, That the functions of the Water Resources Division of the Bureau of Public Works pertaining to hydrologic surveys and data collections shall be absorbed by the National Water Resources Council.
- c. The Bureau of Transportation created under Article VI, Chapter I, Part X of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended but not implemented, is hereby abolished.
- d. The Board of Communications and the Telecommunications Control Bureau are abolished and their functions are transferred to the National Telecommunications Commission.
- e. The common technical staff of the Specialized Regulatory Boards created under Article III, Chapter I, Part X of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended, is abolished and its functions are transferred as appropriate to the Board of Transportation and the National Telecommunications Commission.

The foregoing transfers of functions shall include applicable funds and appropriations, records, equipment, property, and such personnel as may be necessary.

SEC. 20. Attached Agencies. – (a) The following agencies are attached to the Ministry of Public Works: Communications and Electricity Development Authority, Philippine Ports Authority, Central Luzon-Cagayan Valley Authority, National Irrigation Administration, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, Farm Systems Development Corporation, Local Water Utilities Administration, and Metropolitan Manila Flood Control and Drainage Council.

The National Water Resources Council and the Pasig River Development Council shall be under the administrative supervision of the Ministry.

(b) The following agencies are attached to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications: Philippine National Railways, Maritime Industry Authority, Philippine Aerospace Development Corporation, and Metro Manila Transit Corporation.

SEC. 21. The Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Transportation and Communications shall respectively assume as appropriate the positions of Chairman or member of all bodies and agencies previously occupied in an ex-officio capacity by the Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Communications. In case of conflict, however, as to which Minister shall sit in any particular board or body, the same shall be decided by the President.

SEC. 22. The Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Transportation and Communications shall promulgate the necessary implementing details to carry out the organization of their respective

Ministries which shall include the internal organization of units involved and the corresponding initial staffing patterns thereof, as well as such other transitory measures that need to be taken to assure the orderly implementation of this Executive Order, subject to the approval of the Ministry of the Budget in consultation, whenever necessary with the Presidential Commission on Reorganization.

SEC. 23. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 24. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23 day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 547
PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY FOR THE EFFICIENT AND
EQUITABLE ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the international petroleum situation is becoming more critical;

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to insure the efficient utilization of the petroleum supply of the country in order to secure its optimum use consistent with development needs;

WHEREAS, for this purpose, there is need to establish an effective system for the efficient and equitable allocation and distribution of petroleum products among the various end-users, particularly the small end-users in the rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1416 grants continuing authority to the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the National Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and direct the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created an Emergency Petroleum Operations Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the Minister of Energy, as chairman; and the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Local Government and Community Development, the Minister of National Defense and the Minister of Trade, or their duly designated representatives, as members. The Board shall be attached to the Ministry of Energy for policy and program coordination.

SEC. 2. The Board shall be responsible for formulating policies, guidelines, and rules and regulations for the allocation and distribution of petroleum products to all consumers and for developing an overall plan of action for implementing the allocation and distribution system, including such rationing schemes as may be necessary. In carrying out this responsibility on the basis of sectoral requirements, the Board shall consult as necessary with other ministries and agencies concerned, including the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, among others. The Board may also designate such other ministries and agencies as may be necessary to assist in the allocation and distribution of petroleum products to special categories of users.

SEC. 3. The primary responsibilities of the various ministries with respect to the allocation and distribution of petroleum products shall be as follows:

(a) The Ministry of Energy shall be responsible for providing the overall leadership in the formulation of policies and guidelines as well as for overseeing the operation of the allocation and distribution system. Accordingly, the Ministry of Energy shall provide the necessary technical and administrative support to the Board and shall, for this purpose, provide the necessary facility that shall serve as the central monitoring system of the Board for the prompt transmittal of directives,

guidelines and information to agencies concerned including those in the private sector, as well as the receipt and assessment of feedback and reports on the progress of the implementation of the allocation and distribution system. For this purpose, the Ministry of Energy, as well as the other member agencies of the Board particularly the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, shall be authorized to avail, as necessary, of the communications networks and facilities of other agencies of the government, in addition to such communications facilities as they themselves may have.

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture shall be responsible for providing effective representation of the agricultural production sector, especially in behalf of small end-users, in the rural areas who are engaged in food production in order to assure them of an adequate supply of their petroleum products requirements.

(c) The Ministry of Local Government and Community Development shall be responsible for the implementation of the allocation and distribution system, the monitoring of the implementation thereof from the regional down to the barangay levels, and the conduct of surveys to effect the comprehensive listing to end-users of petroleum products at the barangay level.

(d) The Ministry of National Defense shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws relative to prohibited acts and activities specified under Batas Pambansa Blg. 33 and Letter of Instructions No. 869 as well as of the rules and regulations of the Board pertaining to the operation of the allocation and distribution system.

(e) The Ministry of Trade shall be responsible for monitoring price movements with respect to petroleum products and such petroleum-related products as may be considered necessary.

The respective primary responsibilities of the abovementioned agencies shall extend, as applicable, down to the regional and sub-regional, including the provincial, city, municipal and barangay levels.

SEC. 4. At the regional level, there shall be an inter-agency committee which shall be directly responsible to the Board, to be composed of the MLGCD regional director, as chairman; and a representative of the Ministry of Energy, a representative of the Ministry of Trade, the regional representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Regional Commander of the Philippine Constabulary, as members.

The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of petroleum products within the region and the monitoring of the progress of the implementation thereof, including an assessment of the problems encountered and taking, subject to such guidelines as shall be established by the Board, and/or recommending remedial measures as necessary to resolve such problems. The Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Board on the progress of implementation within the region.

The MLGCD regional director shall serve as the executive officer of the Committee and shall provide the leadership in directing the implementation of action programs and measures as may be decided upon by the Committee through the respective agencies concerned within the region. For this purpose, he shall have the authority to call upon the services of other regional offices, particularly the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Land Transportation Commission.

SEC. 5. At the provincial level, there shall be an inter-agency committee which shall be directly responsible to the regional inter-agency committee above provided, to be composed of the provincial governor, as chairman; and the MLGCD provincial development officer, the provincial commercial

agent of the Ministry of Trade, the provincial representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, and the provincial commander of the Philippine Constabulary, as members.

The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of petroleum products within the province and the monitoring of the progress of the implementation thereof, including an assessment of the problems encountered and taking, subject to such guidelines as shall be established by the Board, and/or recommending remedial measures as necessary to resolve such problems.

The MLGCD provincial development officer shall serve as the executive officer of the Committee. He shall be accountable for the implementation of action programs and measures for the allocation and distribution of petroleum products within the province through the agencies concerned within the province. For this purpose, he shall have authority to call upon the services of other provincial offices, particularly those of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and Land Transportation Commission.

SEC. 6. At the city level, there shall be an inter-agency committee which shall be directly responsible to the regional inter-agency committee above provided, to be composed of the city mayor, as chairman; and the MLGCD city development officer, the city station commander of the Integrated National Police and the chairman of the city barangay federation, as members.

The Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of petroleum products within the city and the monitoring of the progress of the implementation thereof, including an assessment of the problems encountered and taking, subject to such guidelines as shall be established by the Board, and/or recommending remedial measures as necessary to resolve such problems.

The city development officer shall serve as the executive officer of the Committee and shall coordinate with other city officials in the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of petroleum products and shall act upon complaints lodged by end-users respecting such allocation and distribution.

The city station commander shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws relative to prohibited acts and activities specified under Batas Pambansa Blg. 33 and Letter of Instructions No. 869 as well as the rules and regulations of the Board governing the distribution of petroleum products within the city.

SEC. 7. At the municipal level, there shall be an inter-agency committee which shall be directly responsible to the provincial inter-agency committee above provided, to be composed of the municipal mayor, as chairman; the MLGCD municipal development officer, the municipal station commander of the Integrated National Police and the chairman of the municipal barangay federation, as members.

The Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of petroleum products within the municipality and the monitoring of the progress of the implementation thereof, including an assessment of the problems encountered and taking, subject to such guidelines as shall be established by the Board, and/or recommending remedial measures as necessary to resolve such problems.

The municipal development officer shall serve as the executive officer of the Committee and shall coordinate with other municipal officials in the implementation of the system for the allocation and distribution of petroleum products and shall act upon complaints lodged by end-users respecting such allocation and distribution.

The municipal station commander shall be responsible for the enforcement of laws relative to prohibited acts and activities specified under Batas Pambansa Blg. 33 and Letter of Instructions

No. 869 as well as the rules and regulations of the Board governing the distribution of petroleum products within the municipality.

SEC. 8. The barangay captains shall, under the supervision and control of the city or municipal development officer, be responsible for the registration of all end-users of petroleum products in their respective barangays, including but not limited to the owners of motor vehicles, motorized equipment, fishing boats and farm implements or machineries. They shall be responsible for overseeing the equitable distribution of petroleum products within their respective territorial jurisdiction, and reporting cases of violations of law and regulations as well as oversights and shortcomings in allocation policies and procedures to the appropriate superior or lateral authorities concerned.

SEC. 9. With respect to the National Capital Region, the Metro Manila Commission shall be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the implementation of the allocation and distribution of petroleum products within the region, in accordance with the policies, guidelines, and rules and regulations prescribed by the Board.

SEC. 10. All laws, decrees, orders, instructions, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with, or contrary to, the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23 day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 548
ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION SUPPORT SYSTEM AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the critical problem in the utilization of technology is the absence of sufficient and financial support for the pre-investment and project development activities necessary to implement the application of technology;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a system harnessing and organizing technical expertise in government agencies and private industry, to support the launching of projects particularly at the pre-investment stage;

WHEREAS, there are highly trained Filipino scientists and experts abroad that can be utilized for local technology delivery under the Balik-Scientist Program;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide funding support to meet the pre-investment requirements for projects applying improved technologies;

WHEREAS, the Technology Resource Center is a government corporate arm, mandated by its Charter to deliver technology to industry, communities and households; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is given continuing authority to reorganize the National Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Technology Utilization Service Corps. There shall be created in the Technology Resource Center a Technology Utilization Service Corps (hereinafter called the Corps) which shall provide technical, managerial, financial and marketing expertise to appliers and users of improved technologies at the pre-investment and project development stages. The Corps shall:

(a) Identify, establish, and maintain a roster of technology resource experts from the government and private sectors, from within the country and abroad, including Filipino scientists under the Balik-Scientists Program of the National Science Development Board;

(b) Identify, mobilize, and utilize such technology resource experts to assist technology users in undertaking the pre-investment and project development phases of projects utilizing improved and appropriate technology;

(c) Serve as a referral and information center to link technology users to appropriate technology and technology expertise, and to provide assistance on government technology; and

(d) Assist in identifying, evaluating, and obtaining the necessary project financing or guarantees from government and private financial institutions, including overseas bilateral, regional and international financing and where appropriate from the Technology Delivery Fund.

SEC. 2. Technology Utilization Service Teams. – There shall be organized by the TRC Director-General such Technology Utilization Service Teams (TUST) as necessary, composed of technology

resource experts drawn from the roster of the Corps and assigned on a project basis. Any government technology resource experts in the roster of the Corps assigned to a TUST shall be detailed to TRC upon approval by the Office of the President for the duration of the particular project undertaken by a TUST, on a full-time or part-time basis as appropriate. The services of a TUST shall be provided by the Corps under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between TRC and the technology user.

The compensation, including honoraria and allowances of technology resource experts serving TUST's shall be determined solely by TRC upon recommendation by the Management Advisory Council, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

To carry out its support services, effectively, TRC is hereby declared a critical government agency in accordance with PD No. 985, and Section 11 of PD No. 1097 is hereby reaffirmed, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. Equity Contribution. – To carry out the functions specified in this Executive Order, TRC is hereby provided a capitalization in the amount of Sixty-Five Million Pesos (₱65,000,000.00) consisting of an initial sum of Five Million Pesos (₱5,000,000.00) provided by the National Science Development Board from its appropriations for FY 1979, and an annual appropriation of Ten Million Pesos (₱10,000,000.00) for each of the next six years as a first priority assessment from the science tax effective FY 1980. This capitalization shall be in addition to the capital contributions to TRC by its founding institutions as per PD 1097, and in addition to the annual budget appropriations which are provided to TRC's other regular programs and activities.

SEC. 4. Technology Delivery Fund. – A Technology Delivery Fund (the "Fund") is created as a revolving fund to finance the annual operations of the Corps, the payment of fees to government and private technology resource experts engaged by the Corps and the pre-investment and project development costs of government and private sectors and users which shall be recovered by the Corps to the extent possible from the technology users.

The Fund shall consist of the following:

- (a) Such amounts as may be earmarked by TRC from its own capital resources.
- (b) Fees, charges, and other income arising from the operations of the Corps.
- (c) Royalties received by the TRC for the use of government technology.
- (d) Recoveries from the pre-investment and project development expenses financed by the Corps.
- (e) Other external sources such as grants, donations, technical assistance by foreign or local entities in government or private sectors to improve fund sourcing possibilities.

Proceeds of the Fund arising from (b), (c), and (d) not expended in any fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain with the Fund to finance the activities of the Corps for the succeeding years, the relevant provisions of Presidential Decrees Nos. 711, 1177, and other decrees and issuances to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 5. Government Technologies. – All government agencies and instrumentalities, including research institutions and government corporations, which are assignees of technology in connection with the manufacture of a product, the application of a process or the rendering of a service, whether such technical knowledge is reflected in an invention, industrial design, a utility model or a new plant variety or in technical information or skills, or in the service and assistance provided by experts for the design, installations, operation, or maintenance of an industrial plant or for the management of an industrial or commercial enterprises or its activities, shall report to TRC such technology.

Such technology shall be considered government technology, and shall include, among others, (a) technology developed by persons under an employment or consultancy relationship with the government, its agencies, or its instrumentalities for the performance of research work; (b) technology developed by persons who are under no explicit obligation to exercise an inventive activity but who use the facilities of the government available to them through an employment or consultancy relationship with the government, its agencies or its instrumentalities; and (c) technology developed by government and development entities.

SEC. 6. Licensing of Government Technology. – TRC shall have the first option to act as the sole intermediary for the licensing of government technology to third parties, whether public or private, subject to such terms and conditions, including the payment of royalties where appropriate to be determined in accordance with guidelines formulated by the Management Advisory Council and approved by the TRC Board of Trustees.

Government technology which has been developed by the government, its agencies, or its instrumentalities, either by itself or in cooperation with foreign or international organizations, with the express intention of making such technology available to the general public free of charge need not be subject to such licensing agreements.

SEC. 7. TRC Relations with Other Agencies. – TRC may call upon any government research and development center, institute, university, college, technical school and similar agencies for such assistance as the Corps may need in carrying out its functions. TRC is hereby authorized to reimburse such government agencies for the use of facilities and equipment. All government research and development centers, universities, colleges, technical schools and similar agencies are hereby directed to link up with TRC as the information center for the utilization of government technology.

TRC shall prescribe guidelines to be observed by such government agencies in the transmission of technical information to, and retrieval thereof, from TRC. Technical information generated from such link up shall be made available to private technology users under terms and conditions to be determined by TRC.

SEC. 8. Government Financial Institutions. – The Development Bank of the Philippines, Philippine National Bank, Philippine Veterans Bank, Land Bank of the Philippines, and other government financial institutions shall include, as part of the loans granted to qualified technology users and when so requested, the pre-investment costs that may be incurred by technology users which have service contracts with TRC. An amount equivalent to two hundred percent of actual pre-investment costs of technology users with service contracts with TRC shall be allowed as an additional deductible expense for income tax purposes, and such deduction may be spread equally over five taxable years at the option of the technology users.

SEC. 9. TRC Management Advisory Council. – A Management Advisory Council is hereby created within TRC to provide advisory and consultation services on matters pertaining to technology applications and utilization, with special reference to the Corps and the Fund. It shall be composed of a (1) Chairman who is to be appointed by, and who shall serve at the pleasure of, the President of the Philippines; (2) the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Human Settlements as Vice-Chairman; and (3) the Presidential Assistant for Economic and Development Affairs, (4) the Deputy Minister of the Budget, (5) the President of the University of the Philippines System, (6) the Chairman of the Development Bank of the Philippines, (7) the Chairman of the National Science Development Board, (8) the Chairman of the Technology Transfer Board, and (9) the Director-General of the National Manpower and Youth Council, as members.

The Management Advisory Council shall recommend, for approval by the TRC Board of Trustees, such guidelines as may be necessary for the effective operation of the Corps and the Fund,

and shall review the relevant rules, regulations, and procedures in the light of such guidelines. The Management Advisory Council may also direct TUST's to undertake specific activities that will promote and operationalize the objectives and purposes of this Executive Order.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Executive Order shall be held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 549
CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ISLAMIC AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the establishment of Autonomous Regions in Southern Philippines with their respective Regional Assemblies and Regional Executive Councils requires corresponding administrative changes in the administration of Islamic affairs by the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, the President needs a more efficient system of staff assistance in the coordination and integration of all government activities affecting Islamic affairs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decrees Nos. 1, 830, 831, and 955, the President is granted continuing authority to reorganize the Office of the President consistent with the requirements imposed upon the Presidency as Chief Executive of the Government;

WHEREAS, the President is granted general and continuing authority to reorganize the entire administrative machinery of government pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1416;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation. – There is hereby created an Office of the Commissioner for Islamic Affairs under the Office of the President. It shall be headed by a Commissioner who shall be appointed by the President.

SEC. 2. Powers and Functions. – The Commissioner for Islamic Affairs shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Assist and, when so authorized, represent the President on matters concerning Islamic affairs;
- b. Provide advice and assistance to the President in the formulation, coordination, and implementation of policies affecting Islamic affairs;
- c. Serve as the link between the President and agencies and entities, both internal and external, that are involved in the administration or pursuit of operations, activities and projects involving Islamic affairs;
- d. Coordinate for the President all development programs on Islamic matters being implemented by various government agencies and entities;
- e. Recommend to the President development programs and projects on Islamic matters, including their implementation schemes;
- f. Monitor for the President all development programs being implemented, whether public or private, concerning Islamic affairs as well as recommend such actions as may be necessary for their efficient, effective and economic implementation;
- g. Act as the government entity through which the Islamic communities can seek government as well as private assistance and serve as the instrumentality through which assistance from

both the government and the private sector may be extended to the Islamic communities. For this purpose, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to give grant-in-aid out of its appropriations or other funds from whatever source to cooperating government or private entities for such programs or projects geared to the development of Islamic Communities;

- h. Enter, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, into such contracts, agreements or arrangements, with the government or private agencies as may be necessary to attain the objectives of the Office;
- i. Accept grants, donations, gifts, funds, and/or property for the benefit of Islamic communities in whatever form and from whatever source, and administer the same in accordance with the terms thereof, or in the absence of any condition, to administer the same in such manner consistent with the interests of Islamic communities; and
- j. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the President or assigned by law.

SEC. 3. Organizational Support. – The Office of the Commissioner for Islamic Affairs shall recommend to the President for approval such supportive administrative arrangements as would enable it to best carry out its functions, exercise its powers and achieve its objectives. It may have such consultants and other experts as may be needed, who may be drawn from the private sector by appointment or on contractual basis or from government agencies or instrumentalities on detail or through other arrangements, whose compensation, allowances or honoraria shall be in accordance with such schedules as may be approved by the President.

SEC. 4. Appropriations. – The Office of the Commissioner for Islamic Affairs shall receive an annual lump sum appropriation in such amounts as may be sufficient to finance its operation and its programs, projects and activities.

SEC. 5. Repeal of Inconsistent Laws. – All laws, orders, proclamations, rules, regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. – Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying the other provisions thereof: Provided, That such remaining portions can still stand and be given effect in their entirety to accomplish the objectives of this Executive Order.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 550
REVISING THE RATES OF SPECIFIC TAX ON GASOLINE.

WHEREAS, the recent increase in the prices of crude oil has adversely affected all infrastructure projects with the consequent escalation of prices of vital project materials and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the country's economic development cannot be deferred in the face of constant price increases.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by Section 158-A of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1393, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of specific tax on gasoline under Section 153(c) of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1977, as amended, are hereby revised, to wit:

Regular gasoline	–	₱0.62 per liter
Premium gasoline	–	0.67 per liter

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall take effect on August 1, 1979.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 551

DIRECTING THAT THE POWERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL
OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OVER THE BOARD OF ENERGY SHALL BE
EXERCISED THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that the powers of administrative supervision and control of the Office of the President over the Board of Energy under Section 9 of Presidential Decree No. 1206 shall be exercised by the President through the Minister of Energy.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 551-A
CREATING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET

WHEREAS the President/Prime Minister, as chairman of the NEDA and presiding officer of all its meetings, has found very often that papers elevated to him are without benefit of proper staff study;

WHEREAS, some Ministers are endorsing to the President/Prime Minister pending problems of their respective Ministries without recommendations, proposed solutions or presentation of options and alternatives, as well as the consequences of the action that may be taken thereon;

WHEREAS, to relieve the President/Prime Minister of his multifarious functions, there is a necessity of creating an Executive Committee of the Cabinet to pass upon all papers and problems presented by the Ministers in their respective Ministries before they are finally brought to the President/Prime Minister for decision-making.

WHEREAS, it is now desirable that possible successors in the Presidency be trained, and that this objective may be achieved to some extent by preparing certain members of the Cabinet to exercise such discretion and judgment as are proper to the highest office of the land;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create an Executive Committee of the Cabinet, as follows:

SECTION 1. Composition. – The Executive Committee of the Cabinet shall be composed of the following:

The Minister of Finance	Chairman
The Minister of the Budget	Member
The Minister of Public Highways	Member

The President/Prime Minister of the Philippines may, in the interest of the public service, increase the members of the Committee as the need arises.

SEC. 2. Functions of the Committee. – The Committee shall have the following functions:

- a) To monitor all economic problems of the Government which require daily assessment and solution;
- b) To receive and make proper staff studies on all problems presented to it by the various Ministries;
- c) To outline all courses of action to be taken on all problems presented to it to help the President/Prime Minister in the decision-making process;
- d) To receive and attend to all problems brought to it by any Ministry;

e) To organize its own staff which shall thoroughly study any problem presented to it before the Committee submits its recommendations, together with a set of options and alternatives, to the President/Prime Minister;

f) To call upon any official to participate in its meeting so that any matter brought up to it may be adequately ventilated.

g) To seek the assistance/advice of any ministry, office, agency or entity of the government in the performance of its tasks; and

h) To meet as often as possible and cut through bureaucratic red tape in attending to the urgent economic problems spawned by the increase of oil prices and monitor their implications and effect on the economy.

SEC. 3. Secretariat of the Committee. – In the absence of any organized staff of its own, which will be drawn from the respective offices of the members of the Committee, the Cabinet Secretariat and the Presidential Management Staff shall provide the basic core of the secretariat of the Committee which shall be assisted by the officials assigned to the President's Study Room.

SEC. 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Senior Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 552
ELEVATING THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL INTO A MINISTRY

WHEREAS, the Office of the Solicitor General as law office of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, performs a vital role in government, particularly, in the handling of constitutional and other important litigations before the Supreme Court and other courts or tribunals;

WHEREAS, the magnitude and importance of the work of the Office of the Solicitor General requires that it be given the status of a ministry in line with the ongoing reorganization of the government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND, E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Office of the Solicitor General is hereby converted and elevated into a Ministry.

SECTION 2. The Ministry shall have the same powers and perform the same function of the Office of the Solicitor General as defined in PD No. 478 and PD No. 1347.

SECTION 3. The authority and responsibility for the exercise of the powers and the discharge of the functions of the Ministry shall be vested in the Solicitor General. He shall be assisted by the present Assistant Solicitors General, the present Solicitors and Trial Attorneys and such other staffs and operating units as are now or may hereafter be provided by law.

SECTION 4. All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 553
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 541 CREATING A COMMITTEE TO GATHER THE
MEMORABILIA OF THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE FRED RUIZ CASTRO.

Executive Order No. 541 creating a Committee to gather the memorabilia of the late Chief Justice Fred Ruiz Castro is hereby amended to include the following as Members of the Committee:

Hon. Ameurfina Melencio-Herrera
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
Atty. Ricardo J. Romulo

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 554

**CREATING A TASK FORCE ON INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, in accordance with simple humanity the Filipino people and their government are ready to render assistance in the processing of refugees specially from Vietnam;

WHEREAS, as a responsible member of the United Nations, this country has supported UN efforts to assist refugees provided such support is consistent with international law and practice and the Philippines' national laws and interests;

WHEREAS, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees has sought the cooperation of the Philippine government in the temporary lodging of such refugees prior to their final resettlement in other countries and the Philippines has agreed to set up such a processing center provided that costs shall not be borne by the Philippines and there will be no residual refugees left in such processing center;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND, E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and in order to effect the needed assistance to refugees reaching the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared that for the purpose of complying with the Philippines' duty to humanity and its commitment to assist legitimate projects and programs of the United Nations, the Philippines should create and activate a group that will respond to the request of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

SECTION 2. To achieve the above, there is hereby created a Task Force on Refugee Assistance and Administration under the Ministry of Human Settlements.

a. The Task Force shall be composed of the Minister of Human Settlements as Chairman and the following as members:

- (1) Minister of Foreign Affairs
- (2) Minister of National Defense
- (3) Minister of Public Works
- (4) Minister of Public Highways
- (5) Minister of Local Government and Community Development
- (6) Minister of Natural Resources
- (7) Minister of Health
- (8) Minister of Agriculture
- (9) Minister of Education and Culture
- (10) Minister of Transportation and Communications
- (11) Acting Minister of Social Services and Development

b. The Task Force shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be headed by the Deputy Minister of Human Settlements with the Deputy Minister of Public Works, Flag Officer in Command of the Philippine Navy and the General Manager of the National Housing Authority as members.

c. The Minister-Members may designate their respective representatives to the Task Force provided the designated representatives are empowered to decide and/or act on their Ministers' behalf.

d. The specific functions, duties and powers of the Task Force are as follows:

- (1) To establish, build and administer such refugee processing centers and camps as have been chosen by the President.
- (2) To coordinate and cooperate with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees efforts and activities of the Philippine government relative to assistance to refugees and operation and management of the refugee centers and camps established in the Philippines.
- (3) To receive, administer and utilize funds, equipment and other forms of assistance provided by the UNHCR, friendly countries and institutions and other international refugee-assistance institutions in the Philippines' program for refugee assistance and management.
- (4) To integrate and supervise a working staff that will undertake the Philippines' program for refugee assistance and management; provided that as much as possible, the participating agencies shall contribute manpower, material and fiscal resources needed to support the working staff.
- (5) To call upon any department, ministry, bureau, office or agency or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its duties and functions.
- (6) To submit periodic reports to the Philippine government and to the United Nations, through the President, on its activities; including the disposition of funds and other assistance received from the United Nations and other international refugee – assistance institutions.

SECTION 3. The Chairman of the Task Force shall –

- (a) preside over meetings of the Task Force;
- (b) receive gifts or donations in whatever form and from whatever source;
- (c) administer, obligate, and disburse appropriations, gifts, or donations upon approval by the members of the Task Force; and
- (d) hire and maintain such working group, staff or personal as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Task Force.

SECTION 4. The Chairman of the Task Force may constitute continuing ad hoc committee consisting of the members of the Task Force and such other experts as are necessary to assist the Task Force in the discharge of its functions.

SECTION 5. As initial steps to immediately get the Task Force operational:

- (1) Tara Island and Ulugan Bay in the province of Palawan are hereby designated as refugee processing centers and camps.

(2) The General Manager of the National Housing Authority, an attached agency of the Ministry of Human Settlements, is hereby designated project coordinator for the immediate establishment, construction and operation of the said refugee camps.

(3) The Flag Officer in Command of the Philippine Navy is hereby directed to assist the Task Force by providing ferry service for materials, men and equipment needed to construct and operate the refugee camps.

(4) The Deputy Minister of Public Works is hereby designated in charge of the construction of the refugee camps in Palawan.

SECTION 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

Source: **Presidential Museum and Library**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1979). *[Executive Order Nos.: 501 – 574]*. Manila: Presidential Museum and Library.

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 555
EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE IRON AND STEEL AUTHORITY AND THE
EFFECTIVITY OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 272

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 272 creating the Iron and Steel Authority was promulgated on 9 August 1973 in order to stimulate growth and promote the orderly development of the iron and steel industry;

WHEREAS, under Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 272, it is provided that the Iron and Steel Authority shall exist for a period of five (5) years from the date of said Decree and, accordingly, the term of the Iron and Steel Authority expired on 10 August 1978;

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the life of the Authority to enable it to fully implement its intents and objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby extend the life of the Iron and Steel Authority for a period of ten (10) years from 10 August 1978 and direct the Iron and Steel Authority to reconstitute itself immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 556

**EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENT
CORPORATIONS CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 464, SERIES OF 1976**

WHEREAS, the PCSGC needs more time to update data and information on individual government corporations before it can finalize its report, particularly at the micro level, on the government corporate study; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to extend the term of the PCSGC for another six months.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The term of the Presidential Committee to Study Government Corporations (PCSGC) is extended up to December 31, 1979 and it is further directed that the Committee submit its report to the President/Prime Minister on or before said date.

SEC. 2. The Committee is authorized to use the unexpended balance of its appropriations as of June 30, 1979 for its operating expenses during the period July 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 557
**REDUCING THE RATES OF DUTY ON IMPORTATION OF PRINTING EQUIPMENT,
SPARE PARTS THEREOF AND PRINTING SUPPLIES**

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, otherwise known as the “Tariff and Customs Code of 1978”, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order that:

SECTION 1. The rates of duty as provided in Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, otherwise known as the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, pertaining to the importation of printing equipment, spare parts thereof and printing supplies are hereby reduced to ten per cent (10%) ad valorem.

SEC. 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 5th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 558
MODIFYING THE APPLICATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 434, SERIES OF 1974,
BY IMPOSING A 20% AD VALOREM DUTY ON LOG EXPORTS

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 230 was promulgated in order to induce the processing of traditional export products and encourage the exports of manufactured and semi-processed goods;

WHEREAS, in view of the foreseen balance of trade deficit and the lead time to set-up the required wood processing facilities, it is prudent to maintain a limited volume of log exports, particularly at this time of favorable world market prices;

WHEREAS, for the effective implementation of the log export phase-out, it is necessary to prescribe not only quantitative restrictions but also fiscal disincentives as well;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 515 of Republic Act No. 1937, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 230 and No. 1416, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order that:

SECTION 1. Executive Order No. 434 which temporarily lifted the levying, assessing, and collecting of export tax and premium duty of wood products in accordance with the provisions of Section 514, Title III, Book I of Republic Act No. 1937, as amended, is hereby revised and modified such that the following product be now subject to the payment of export duty, as follows:

Logs, including poles20% ad valorem

SEC. 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 559
DIRECTING STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE VITAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE OFFICIAL TRAVEL ABROAD OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AND EMPLOYEES, BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL, INCLUDING THOSE IN
GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS.

WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the Government to observe proper and reasonable restraint in the utilization of its overall assets and resources and as much as possible to reduce or limit its expenditures to such activities as are essential to the needs of a sound, efficient and progressive public service and to the attainment of the country's development goals;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforestated policy, it is deemed necessary and desirable to re-emphasize the vital rules and regulations governing the official travel abroad of government officials and employees, both national and local, including those in government-owned or controlled corporations, which regulatory measures are basically designed to conserve the country's foreign exchange resources and to derive from such travel maximum and positively beneficial results for the Government and the nation as a whole, the better to secure faithful compliance with such rules and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct all officials and employees in the government, both national and local, including government-owned or controlled corporations, to render strict compliance with the existing rules and regulations governing the official travel abroad of government personnel, particularly with respect to the following areas of concern:

1. Official travel abroad of government personnel shall be limited to those which are urgent and necessary. In accordance with this policy, no official travel abroad of government officials and employees shall be allowed except where the trip (a) will not involve the expenditure of government funds; (b) is for the purpose of complying with an international commitment of the Philippine Government; (c) would directly redound to the financial benefit of the country; and (d) is in connection with a scholarship, fellowship, or training or study grant. It must be clearly understood that even in the exceptional cases herein enumerated, the approval of the request for authority to travel abroad does not necessarily follow from the fact that a proposed trip abroad falls under any of the aforesaid exceptions. Any request for authority to travel abroad may or may not be approved by the Office of the President depending on the various factors and circumstances, involved, including the number of government personnel in the proposed trip, the expenditure of government funds that it would entail, and the public benefit that may be derived therefrom. The Ministers of the various Ministries and all heads of government offices, bureaus, agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or controlled corporations, are hereby enjoined to recommend only those trips which are urgent and extremely necessary, will involve the minimum in expenditure and personnel and expected to bring immediate benefit to the country.

The international commitment referred to in the immediate preceding paragraph is one arising out of an agreement entered into between governments through their respective officials or agencies in charge of foreign relations matters. In this regard, it is hereby directed that no officer or office shall commit the Government to the sending abroad of any government personnel without the prior approval of the Office of the President of the Philippines. It is also hereby directed that any invitation for the sending abroad of any government officials and employees shall first be forwarded to the Office of the President for determination whether or not the invitation may be accepted, as well as of those who may make the trip.

2. Proposals for travel abroad shall be submitted for the consideration of the Office of the President not later than ten (10) days before the expected date of departure. Failure to comply with this requirement may be sufficient ground for the disapproval of the proposed trip. Such proposals must be accompanied by the supporting papers and documents required under the existing rules and regulations on foreign travel, including the following:

- (a) Certificate of urgency of the proposed trip signed by the Minister of the Ministry concerned, the chiefs of independent offices, or by the managing heads of government-owned or controlled corporations;
- (b) Travel Data Sheet and, in proper cases, a Training/Scholarship Agreement, in the prescribed standard forms;
- (c) An estimate of the total financial requirement of the proposed trip, if the trip is to be funded by the government fully or partially;
- (d) A certification from the President's Center for Special Studies that the official or employee concerned has attended the orientation course/seminar required under Memorandum Circular No. 954, dated January 26, 1977, of the Office of the President.

3. The piecemeal system of submitting requests pertaining to foreign travel of government officials and employees, wherein after authority for a particular trip has been issued by the Office of the President, another request is subsequently submitted either for side-trips or for the grant of additional expenses, or both, shall be prohibited. Trips abroad which are approved by the Office of the President shall be undertaken strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions in the travel authority and no subsequent request shall be entertained if it is for a proposed side-trip or for confirming one already undertaken, or for the grant of additional expenses or allowances, or for the approval of an amount over and above that granted in the travel authority.

4. All the existing rules and regulations on foreign travel which are designed or intended to protect the financial interests of the Government and to insure that the travel abroad of government personnel will serve as an effective instrument for the improvement of public service and the attainment of national objectives and goals shall be strictly enforced. The limitations on representation expenses and the requirements regarding the submission of report, prescribed in Sections 17 and 18 of Executive Order No. 129, dated May, 6, 1968, must be properly complied with.

5. Any violation of the provisions of this Executive Order shall subject the official or employee concerned to disciplinary action.

6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MALACANANG, MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 560

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 495, ENTITLED “ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE COMPENSATION DECREE OF 1978”

WHEREAS, Letter of Implementation No. 100 adjusts the salaries of the personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Foreign Service to allow them to cope with the tremendous rise in the cost of living resulting from the recent international energy crisis;

WHEREAS, the administration of the new salary scheme requires the reallocation of positions to the appropriate salary grade;

WHEREAS, there is a need to limit the granting of the home office adjustment allowance authorized under Section 1 (e) Part A, Title VI of Republic Act No. 708 as inserted by Section 4 of Republic Act No. 4112, for a period of not exceeding one year and only to the personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who have served abroad for at least four years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. Sections 1 and 2, Part I of Executive Order No. 495 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. Salary Rules

“(a) A person appointed to the class of Foreign Service Officers, Counselors, or Chiefs of Missions shall receive a salary at that one of the rates provided for that class, which the Minister of Foreign Affairs shall take into consideration his age, qualification and experience, determine to be appropriate; Provided, that the salary allowed for a person appointed to the class of Foreign Service Officers shall not exceed the third step of the grade to which class is allocated.

“(b) A person appointed to the class of Foreign Service Staff Officer or Employees shall receive a salary at the minimum rate for the class to which he is appointed.

“(c) An employee may be allowed a salary rate higher than the minimum of the grade allocation of the position in case he had previously received a higher salary in the government service: Provided, that such salary rate is within the grade allocation of the position and: Provided, further, that there is sufficient appropriation for that particular position.

“(d) An employee promoted to a higher class and whose present salary is over the maximum rate of the grade allocation of the position to which he is being promoted, may be allowed to continue to receive his present salary at the higher position.

“(e) An employee promoted from one class to another having an overlapping salary grade may be adjusted to the step next above that at which he was paid in the lower class if an appropriation has been provided therefor.

“(f) Subject to certification by the Minister of Foreign Affairs that the employee’s service are satisfactory the salary of an employee may be adjusted to the second step after one year at the first step, to the third step after one year at the second step, to the fourth step after one year at the third step, to the fifth step after two years at the fourth step, to the sixth step after two years at the fifth

step, to the seventh step after two years at the sixth step, and to the eighth step after two years at the seventh step: Provided, that there is sufficient appropriation in the particular position of the employee concerned.

“(g) Voluntary demotion shall be made without loss of salary except where the current salary is higher than the maximum of the class to which demoted and provided that there is sufficient appropriation for the particular position.

“(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other rules, no employee shall receive a salary higher than the salary step immediately below the salary of his immediate supervisor.”

“Section 2. Salary Increases and Home Office Adjustment Allowance.

“(a) The home office adjustment allowance currently enjoyed by the personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall be reduced by fifty per cent of their salary increases authorized in Letter of Implementation No. 100.

“(b) Whenever a national government salary increase is granted based on periodic salary surveys conducted by the Office of Compensation and Position Classification of the Ministry of the Budget, positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Service personnel may be granted across-the-board or in-step salary increases upon recommendation of the Minister of the Budget and the approval of the President: Provided, that fifty per cent of the salary increase shall be taken from the home office adjustment allowance of the employee concerned.

“(c) An employee who is promoted to a position in a higher class prior to the granting of the salary increase authorized in Letter of Implementation No. 100 shall be entitled to the salary authorized for that position or his basic salary plus his home office adjustment allowance in the lower class, whichever is higher.

“(d) An employee who is appointed in the home office after the issuance of this Order and prior to their assignment abroad shall not be entitled to home office adjustment allowance.”

Sec. 3. A new provision is hereby inserted after Section 2 of Part I to be known as Section 3, as follows:

Section 3. Revision of the Salary Scheme. If the results of the periodic nation-wide salary survey require the revision of the Salary Scheme to keep them up-to-date, the same may be revised upon recommendation of the Minister of the Budget and approval of the President.”

Sec. 4. Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Part I are hereby renumbered as Sections 4, 5 and 6.

Sec. 5. A new provision is hereby inserted after Section 16, Part II to be known as Section 17, as follows:

Section 17. Notwithstanding any other rule, no personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who are recalled to the home office shall be entitled to per diems and all other allowances referred to above, except the granting to those who have served abroad for a period of at least four years fifty per cent of the basic living quarters allowance authorized under Letter of Implementation No. 63, for a period not exceeding one year.”

Sec. 6. All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 7. Effectivity. – This Order shall take effect May 1, 1979.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 561
CREATING THE COMMISSION ON THE SETTLEMENT OF LAND PROBLEMS

WHEREAS, land problems are frequently a source of conflicts among small settlers, landowners and members of cultural minorities;

WHEREAS, these problems, if not properly and immediately attended to, will breed social unrest which will hamper the implementation of government programs designed to ameliorate the living conditions of people involved in these problems;

WHEREAS, as a means of providing a mechanism for the expeditious settlement of these problems, a more effective administrative body should be established; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is given continuing authority to reorganize the National Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation. – There is hereby created a Commission on the Settlement of Land Problems, hereafter referred to as the Commission, under the Office of the President.

SEC. 2. Composition. – The Commission shall be composed of three members, namely: one Commissioner and two Associate Commissioners who shall all be appointed by the President.

The Commissioner and the two Associate Commissioners shall receive a salary equivalent to that of an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals and Judge of the Court of First Instance, respectively.

SEC. 3. Powers and Functions. – The Commission shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Coordinate the activities, particularly the investigation work, of the various government offices and agencies involved in the settlement of land problems or disputes, and streamline administrative procedures to relieve small settlers and landholders and members of cultural minorities of the expense and time-consuming delay attendant to the solution of such problems or disputes;

2. Refer and follow-up for immediate action by the agency having appropriate jurisdiction any land problem or dispute referred to the Commission: Provided, That the Commission may, in the following cases, assume jurisdiction and resolve land problems or disputes which are critical and explosive in nature considering, for instance, the large number of the parties involved, the presence or emergence of social tension or unrest, or other similar critical situations requiring immediate action:

- (a) Between occupants/squatters and pasture lease agreement holders or timber concessioners;
- (b) Between occupants/squatters and government reservation grantees;
- (c) Between occupants/squatters and public land claimants or applicants;

- (d) Petitions for classification, release and/or subdivision of lands of the public domain; and
- (e) Other similar land problems of grave urgency and magnitude.

The Commission shall promulgate such rules and procedures as will insure expeditious resolution and action on the above cases. The resolution, order or decision of the Commission on any of the foregoing cases shall have the force and effect of a regular administrative resolution, order or decision and shall be binding upon the parties therein and upon the agency having jurisdiction over the same. Said resolution, order or decision shall become final and executory within thirty (30) days from its promulgation and shall be appealable by certiorari only to the Supreme Court.

3. Recommend to the President innovative measures to resolve expeditiously cases involving, among others, (a) public lands that have been titled in a manifestly erroneous or illegal manner, and (b) implementation of decisions/resolutions of administrative/quasi-judicial agencies vested with jurisdiction to resolve land problems or disputes;

4. Evolve and implement a system of procedure for the speedy investigation and resolution of land disputes or problems at the provincial level;

5. Undertake a comprehensive study of the causes of land disputes, particularly the problems of squatters, in the country and recommend to the President policies and courses of action to prevent or minimize their occurrence;

6. Study and review present policies as embodied in land laws and administrative rules and regulations, in relation to the need for land of the agro-industrial sector and the small farmer, with the end in view of evolving and recommending new laws and policies and establishing priorities in the grant of public lands;

7. Maintain a systematic and permanent management of all records pertaining to land disputes or problems; and

8. Perform such other functions as may hereafter be assigned to it by the President of the Philippines.

In the performance of its functions and discharge of its duties, the Commission is authorized, through the Commissioner, to issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum for the appearance of witnesses and the production of records, books and documents before it. It may also call upon any ministry, office, agency or instrumentality of the National Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, and local governments for assistance. This authority is, likewise, conferred upon the provincial offices as may be established pursuant to Section 5 of this Executive Order.

SEC. 4. Organizational Support. – The Commission shall have a technical staff which shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall be assisted by a Deputy Executive Director. The technical staff shall be composed of such personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to effectively perform its powers and functions.

The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director shall be appointed by the President. The other personnel of the Commission shall be appointed by the Commissioner.

SEC. 5. Provincial Offices. – When conditions in any province so warrant, the Commission may establish a provincial office which shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be delegated to it by the Commission.

SEC. 6. Abolition of the Presidential Action Committee on Land Problems. – The Presidential Action Committee on Land Problems is abolished and its functions are transferred to the Commission

herein created, together with applicable appropriations, records, property and equipment, and such personnel as may be necessary.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. – In addition to the appropriations transferred from the Presidential Action Committee on Land Problems herein abolished, an amount sufficient for the operation of the Commission for the current and immediately succeeding calendar years is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, the necessary amount for its operation shall be included in the annual general appropriations law.

SEC. 8. Repeal of Inconsistent Laws. – All laws, acts, decrees, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. – The provisions of this Executive Order are hereby declared to be separable, and in the event any one or more of such provisions are held unconstitutional, such shall not affect the validity of the other provisions.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 562

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize the National Development Company, created by virtue of Commonwealth Act No. 182, as amended by Commonwealth Act No. 311 and Presidential Decree Nos. 668, 747 and 1169, in order to make it responsive to our development efforts;

WHEREAS, the corporation must be structured in such a manner as to give impetus to a number of priority industrial projects;

WHEREAS, it is important that such corporate vehicle should have a policy-making Board composed of heads of agencies who are in a position to make decisions on major industrial projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of the National Development Company shall be composed of the Minister of Industry as Chairman, with the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, and the Chairman of the Development Bank of the Philippines, or a designated senior official from their offices, as members. In addition, the President of the Company and two other representatives who shall come from the private sector, to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, shall also be members of the Board.

SEC. 2. The former Board of the National Development Company is abolished upon effectivity of this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. The Board of Directors shall appoint the President of the Company who shall act as the General Manager of the corporation.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors shall have the power to represent the National Development Company in major projects in which it is involved.

SEC. 5. The Board of Directors shall have the power to reorganize the personnel complement of the corporation and shall submit its financial requirements to the Ministry of Budget.

SEC. 6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 563

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129, ENTITLED “PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIAL TRAVEL ABROAD OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND PRESCRIBING RATES OF ALLOWANCES AND OTHER EXPENSES THEREFOR”

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 129 establishes the rules and regulations governing official travel abroad of officers and employees of the Government, both national and local, including government owned or controlled corporations;

WHEREAS, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the pursuit of the goals and objectives of his Ministry, directs and authorizes official travels abroad of officers and employees of the Foreign Service who are already abroad to undertake a mission or attend an International Conference or meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Sec. 1. Section 14, Title II of Executive Order No. 129 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 14. Approval of the President. – All official travels abroad other than those embraced in Title I shall be subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines. Heads of departments and chiefs of Bureaus, offices and agencies are hereby enjoined to purpose or recommend only those trips which are urgent and extremely necessary, will involve the minimum in expenditure, and expected to bring immediate benefit to the country, Travels and assignments under this Title shall include the following purposes:

- (a) To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by foreign governments or international government organizations to which the Philippine Government is committed or invited to send representatives or participants;
- (b) To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by private organizations, whether international or not, invitations to which have been sent through their respective governments to the Philippine Government;
- (c) To conduct examination or investigation of Philippine Government agencies or affairs;
- (d) To undertake any other official mission which cannot be assigned to any other Philippine Government official or officials already abroad.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, the following travels and assignments of officers and employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs may be authorized by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the exercise of his discretion, without the necessity of securing the prior approval of the President:

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- (a) To assume duties in the particular foreign service post to which the officer or employee is assigned in pursuance of an approved Assignment Order;
 - (b) To conduct examination or investigation of administrative and financial affairs in the foreign service involving the officers and employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - (c) In the case of officers and employees posted abroad, to attend conferences or seminars sponsored by foreign governments or international organizations to which the Philippine Government is committed or invited to send representatives or participants but which do not require the presentation of Full Powers of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, and to service the delegations of the Philippine Government to international conferences.”

Sec. 2. All travels made prior to the effectivity of this Order the nature of which may be authorized pursuant to Section 14 of Executive Order No. 129, as herein amended, shall be deemed to have been duly authorized, provided that the trips were made upon written instructions issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Sec. 3. All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. This Order shall take effect upon approval.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 564

**TRANSFERRING THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
(SPDA) FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS AND RECONSTITUTING THE COMPOSITION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

WHEREAS, the Southern Philippines Development Administration was created under Presidential Decree No. 690 to accelerate the development of Mindanao, Palawan and the Sulu archipelago; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to place the SPDA under the Ministry of Human Settlements for closer administrative supervision and to reconstitute the composition of the Board of Directors to make it a more effective agency for development in Southern Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. The Southern Philippines Development Administration created under Presidential Decree No. 690 is hereby transferred from the Office of the President to the Ministry of Human Settlements.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors of the SPDA is hereby reconstituted as follows:

- a) The Minister of Human Settlements shall be the chairman of the Board of Directors;
- b) The President shall appoint four regular members of the Board;
- c) The two chairmen of the Lupong Tagapagpaganap Ng Pook of Region IX and XII and the two chairmen of the Regional Development Councils of Regions X and XI shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

SEC. 3. All decrees, orders, instructions, rules or regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 565
CREATING THE BONDED EXPORT MARKETING BOARD

WHEREAS, the demonstrated capability of the bonded manufacturing system to provide the appropriate operating conditions for export-oriented enterprises with imported in-puts to production, justifies its extension, under such modified terms of application as may be necessary, to a wider range of products with export potential;

WHEREAS, it is a matter of urgent necessity to reverse the current trade deficits by further improving the performance of the external sector, through the innovative applications and adoption of all the requisite tools and instruments available for that purpose;

WHEREAS, to attain the above objective, it is imperative that all governmental undertakings directed at the installation, expansion and regulation of export productive capacity by synchronized, coordinated and integrated with parallel efforts to identify, and promote export products in which the Philippines has or can develop absolute or comparative advantage in the international market, which task is best entrusted to an inter-ministerial agency specifically created for that purpose;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is given the authority to reorganize the National Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared to be the policy of Government to adopt as the operational basis for the implementation of the national export strategy a market-oriented, rather than a primarily resource-based export trade development program, the objective of which shall be to attain an optimum level of correspondence between international market opportunities, on the one hand, and product development on the other, in order that the existing or emerging comparative advantage of the Philippine export industry, with respect to specific products, attributable to labor cost, market proximity, level of available skills, terms of market entry, and other determinants of competitive position may be fully exploited.

Section 2. Creation of the Bonded Export Marketing Board. – There is hereby created a Bonded Export Marketing Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Office of the President and which shall assume primary responsibility for the formulation of the underlying projects and programs intended to implement the above declared policy.

Section 3. Locus of Responsibility and Authority. – The authority and responsibility for exercising the functions and discharging the duties of the Board is hereby vested in a Governing Board to be composed of the Minister of Trade, as Chairman, and the following as members: The Minister of Industry, the Commissioner of Customs, a representative of the Central Bank of the Philippines with a rank not lower than deputy governor and the Presidential Assistant on Economic Affairs and Development.

Section 4. Powers and Functions. – In line with its primary responsibility, the Board shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a. To study and analyze the international market for specific products in which the Philippines has or can develop absolute or relative advantage, given its labor costs, its actual or potential level of technology, production capability, power rates, market leverage for such products, and other determinants of production, pricing practices and marketing strategies;
 - b. On the basis of its findings, to submit, from time to time, to the President of the Philippines for approval a list of export products in which the Philippines presently has or can develop a relative or comparative advantage in the international market and for which it has existing or potential productive capacity and competitive efficiency;
 - c. To encourage the installation or expansion of productive export capacity for processing, manufacturing, or fabricating the products included in the list approved by the President of the Philippines, and the promote the same to the extent necessary to achieve optimum entry into target markets;
 - d. To endorse to the Board of Investments, any project proposal for export products under a bonded manufacturing facility whenever such project qualifies for incentives under the Export Incentives Act, the Investment Incentive Act and/or other applicable laws;
 - e. In consultation and coordination with the Bureau of Customs, to regulate and administer all bonded manufacturing sites, established by virtue hereof, with the end in view of insuring operational efficiency, and preventing the diversion of imported components of export products to the domestic markets;
 - f. To identify and designate the specific sites in which export bonded manufacturing facilities shall be located and, in connection therewith, to formulate and adopt, in so far as may be practicable, a regional dispersal policy for the export industry;
 - g. To recommend and indorse for assistance to the Philippine National Bank, the Development Bank of the Philippines, and other government-owned or controlled financial institutions, specific export projects and ventures found to be viable;
 - h. To initiate studies on the development or maintenance of the absolute or comparative advantage of export products, included in the list approved by the President of the Philippines, in relation to wage structure, power rates, terms of trade for imported components, re-export values, shipping cost, labor productivity, levels of technology used, and other significant factors essential to the determination of marketability and competitive position;
 - i. To design and implement an informational and feed back system which will adequately monitor the inflow and outflow of goods in terms of volume, prices, value added, mark-ups, intensiveness of labor in-puts, percentage of local content, and specific international markets;
 - j. To undertake such studies as may be required to formulate recommendations on the feasibility of utilizing indigenous materials as substitutes for imported in-puts to production of Philippine export goods; or the local fabrication of manufacturing equipment; and, for this purpose, to initiate studies or enter into other arrangements with private or public research institutions under such terms of engagement as may be required;
 - k. To promulgate rules and regulations which will facilitate the export of products covered by this Executive Order and achieve sound competitive practices in the import-re-export trade on products subject to the provisions hereof;
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- l. To monitor compliance with bilateral treaties, if any, affecting products manufactured under the bonded warehouse manufacturing system and to distribute quotas or export authorizations in accordance with a fair, reasonable, and orderly framework of allocation to be prescribed by the Board; and
- m. To promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary to administer the provisions hereof.

Section 5. Secretariat. – The Board shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be formed in accordance with such organizational framework and guidelines as the Board may prescribe.

Section 6. Personnel. – In recognition of the highly technical nature of the functions of the Board, and its need to engage the services of experts and consultants under varying terms of engagement, as well as the ad hoc character of some of its work requirements, appointments to positions in the Board shall be exempt from the provisions of the Civil Service Law and regulations of the Office of Compensation and Position Classification (OCPC). The Board may likewise enter into contracts with individuals or organizations of recognized competence in their fields of specialization for the performance of any undertaking related to its functions.

Section 7. Detail of Personnel. – All personnel detailed to the Board by other governmental agencies shall be deputed by it and shall be under its administrative supervision.

Section 8. Appropriation. – There is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the National Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Two Million Pesos (₱2,000,000) for the use of the Board.

Section 9. Effectivity. – This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16th day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 566
PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Philippine Amusements and Gaming Corporation was created by law to implement the state policy of centralizing and integrating all games of chance;

WHEREAS, there is a need to give the President of the Philippines ample discretion in appointing the members of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Amusements and Gaming Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree the following:

SECTION 1. Board of Directors. The Philippine Amusements and Gaming Corporation shall be governed and its activities be directed, controlled and managed by a Board of Directors that shall be composed of five (5) members, namely: (1) The Chairman who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines; (2) The Government Corporate Counsel; (3) The Office of the Executive Assistant, Office of the President, or their respective representatives; and (4) Two (2) other members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines from the private sector.

SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, administrative orders, rules or regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 567

Based on the records available on file and in the possession of Malacañang Records Office, Executive Order No. 567 of Presidential Issuances of Ferdinand E. Marcos was certified by their office as a reserved number and that no original copy of this issuance was forwarded and released to them.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 568
SUSPENSION OF EXPORT TAX AND PREMIUM DUTY ON ALL MINERAL PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, it is policy of the government to encourage, promote and accelerate the development of export industries to sustain the economic development of the economy;

WHEREAS, the mineral industry has been a major foreign exchange earner for the country and its contribution to the economic development of the nation is of paramount significance to Philippine economic growth;

WHEREAS, the mineral industry has been adversely affected by the increase in fuel prices and by the changes in market conditions making the industry uncompetitive abroad;

WHEREAS, the export tax and premium duty imposed on mineral products have become a form of disincentive to the mining sector's development and sustenance as major export industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and direct that the export tax and premium duties imposed on all mineral products be suspended.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 569

**AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF
AVAILMENT OF INCENTIVES BY, OR INCREASE THE RATES OF TAX EXEMPTIONS OF,
REGISTERED ENTERPRISES.**

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1584 provides that the President, in meritorious cases and upon recommendation of the Board of Investments, is authorized to liberate the incentives under R.A. 5186, R.A. 6135 and P.D. 1159, by extending the period of availment of incentives or increasing the rates of tax exemption;

WHEREAS, in the light of the need for immediate assistance to firms, particularly those, in distressed conditions, there is a need for BOI in meritorious cases to immediately grant requests for liberalization of incentives under the aforesaid laws;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1416 authorizes the President to reorganize the government;

WHEREAS, such assistance is necessary for sustaining industrial growth and development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. The Board of Investments shall be vested with the authority to extend the period of availment of incentives by any registered enterprise for a period not exceeding five (5) years and/or increase the rate of tax exemption of registered enterprises under R.A. 5186, R.A. 6135 and P.D. 1159, to not more than fifty per cent (50%) of the tax exemption enjoyed by such registered enterprises prior to the increase, subject to any or all of the following criteria:

- (1) The registered enterprise has suffered heavy financial losses and is in a distressed condition.
- (2) The registered enterprise has suffered operational force majeure that has impaired its viability.
- (3) The registered enterprise has not fully enjoyed the incentives granted to it by the BOI for reasons beyond its control.
- (4) The project of the registered enterprise has a gestation period which goes beyond the period of availment of needed incentives.
- (5) The operation of the registered enterprise has been subjected to unforeseen changes in government policies, particularly, protectionism policies of importing countries, and such other supervening factors which would affect the competitiveness of the registered firm.

SEC. 2. In all cases other than those stipulated above, the Board of Investments must seek authority from the President to extend the period of availment of incentives and/or increase the rate of tax exemption of registered enterprise under R.A. 5186, R.A. 6135 and P.D. 1159, as provided in P.D. 1584.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules or regulations, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 570
CREATING A TASK FORCE TO UNDERTAKE LAND ASSEMBLY AND OFFICIAL
DEVELOPMENT REGISTRY ACTIVITIES IN DECLARED BAGONG LIPUNAN SITES
AND URBAN LAND REFORM ZONES

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1396 mandates the Ministry of Human Settlements with the management of urban development through the formulation of plans and programs and the implementation of projects for new town development and land assembly and real property management;

WHEREAS, the Ministry is consequently empowered under Presidential Decree No. 1517 to utilize land assembly and other innovative land acquisition techniques and to establish official developmental registries in areas declared as Urban Land Reform Zones and Bagong Lipunan Sites;

WHEREAS, there is a need to initiate the development of such Bagong Lipunan Sites and Urban Land Reform Zones, with the Lungsod Silangan site and its adjacent area being developed as a model;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, by the power vested in me by the Constitution do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Task Force to undertake land assembly and official development registry activities in declared Bagong Lipunan Sites and Urban Land Reform Zones to be placed under the supervision of the Ministry of Human Settlements with the following primary functions:

- a) to undertake land assembly operation in Lungsod Silangan and in the areas peripheral to the Marikina-Infanta Road identified by the Ministry of Human Settlements in its Lungsod Silangan Development Plan and approved by the President of the Philippines as Bagong Lipunan Sites and Urban Land Reform Zones;
- b) to initiate the establishment of official development registries in such areas as a basis for land acquisition and disposition;
- c) to secure the area from squatting of any kind; and
- d) to utilize other innovative land acquisition techniques, other than land assembly in such areas.

SECTION 2. The Task Force shall be composed of: (a) the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Human Settlements as Chairman; (b) the Commanding General, Philippine Constabulary; and (c) the Director, Bureau of Lands as Members. In addition, the Task Force may involve the Land Registration Commission and the local government executives concerned in membership of its various committees as authorized under Section 5 of this Order.

SECTION 3. In undertaking land assembly and official development registry activities in the Lungsod Silangan site and its adjacent area, the Task Force shall exercise the following powers and responsibilities;

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- a) to set up temporary field offices to secure the area and promulgate and implement rules and regulations related to the security of the area;
 - b) to set up temporary field offices of the Land Registration Commission which will process land claims in the area;
 - c) to designate and develop resettlement sites within or without the area for displaced farmers and tenants;
 - d) to establish a public information office to liaise with the tenants and farmers of the area and undertake the promotion and publication of information, studies and investigation on all aspects of the area's development;
 - e) to cause to implement, supervise and monitor all projects of the Human Settlements Development Corporation and the National Housing Authority and other related projects of government agencies identified in the Lungsod Silangan Development Plan;
 - f) to identify such other projects and sectoral programs necessary for the development of Lungsod Silangan in the integrative human settlements approach;
 - g) to contract with international and local specialists in planning, academic and authorities and institutions research and consultancy service in specified areas related to human settlements problems as may further the attainment of the objectives of this order;
 - h) to establish and supervise a working staff which shall keep records, abstracts, collate and synthesize studies of the area's development;
 - i) to determine the qualifications and fix the compensation of its members, working staff and other personnel which it is hereby authorized to hire for administrative operations; and to appoint, discipline, and remove its employees; provided, excess as to the technical staff and such other positions as one highly technical policy determining or primarily confidential in nature, all positions in the Task Force shall be subject to the coverage of the plans of the Office of Compensation and Position Classification;
 - j) to apply for, receive and accept from sources within and without the Philippines, for its own use and not for sale, grants or donations of equipment, materials or services. Such grants or donations shall be exempt from gift taxes and shall be deductible from the net taxable income of the grantor, or donor, and the donee, upon certification of the Task Force; provided, however, that any grant or donation received in accordance with this order shall be disclosed to the President through a report by the Task Force;
 - k) to adopt rules and procedures for its governance;
 - l) to undertake and perform such other activities as may be assigned by the President of the Philippines.

SECTION 4. The Chairman of the Task Force shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) preside over meetings of the Task Force;
 - b) hire and maintain such working group staff or personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Task Force;
 - c) administer, obligate, and disburse appropriations, gifts or donations upon approval by a majority of the members of the Task Force;
 - d) constitute continuing ad hoc committees consisting of the members of the Task Force and such other experts as are necessary to assist the Task Force in the discharge of its functions;
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- e) call upon the Land Registration Commission and the Bureau of Lands to complete all data requirements, the operational expenses for such activity of which shall be charged against existing current appropriations of the two agencies;
- f) receive gifts or donations in whatever form and from whatever source;

SECTION 5. As may be necessary in its Operations, the Task Force shall create committees to assist it in its tasks and functions. Such committees shall have the membership of concerned and affected local governments and local government entities.

SECTION 6. In order to facilitate the implementation of its tasks and execution of its functions, the Task Force shall have the power to call upon any ministry, bureau, office agency or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as it may require.

SECTION 7. The Amount of TEN MILLION PESOS (₱10,000,000) is hereby appropriated for the operations of the Task Force for calendar year 1979 and shall be released to the Task Force through the Ministry of Human Settlements out of any available funds from the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The amount of ₱2,000,000 shall be utilized for current operating expenditures and ₱8,000,000 for the capital outlay needs of the development of the area. For the succeeding calendar year, and until the termination of the Task Force, the budgetary requirements shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act of the government in such amounts as shall be adequate for the purpose.

SECTION 8. Operating expenses and capital expenditures to be incurred by national government agencies for implementation of projects and programs in the area shall be charged to the budgetary appropriations of the implementing agencies or other applicable appropriations subject to the provisions of Section 21 of Presidential Decree No. 1177.

SECTION 9. The Task Force shall submit to the President of the Philippines a report of its accomplishments within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Order and quarterly thereafter.

SECTION 10. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Baguio, this 29th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 571

DELINEATING THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS
AUTHORITY AND THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL PORT TERMINALS, INC. IN
RELATION TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL PORT.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to effect continuing reforms that will enhance economy, efficiency and effectiveness;

WHEREAS, there is a need to redefine the functions and responsibilities of the Philippine Ports Authority and the Manila International Port Terminals, Inc. in relation to existing laws; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is given continuing authority to reorganize the National Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and ordain the following:

SECTION 1. The management of the facilities and structures as well as the collection of dues as provided for by the Revised Tariff Code in the Manila International Port is the main responsibility of the Philippine Ports Authority. The Philippine Ports Authority shall also be responsible for the collection of cargo handling fees which it shall remit daily to the Manila International Port Terminals, Inc;

SEC. 2. The responsibilities of the Manila International Port Terminals, Inc. in the operations of the Manila International Port shall be the cargo-handling services; and the management and operation of facilities and equipment related to cargo-handling services;

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 5th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 572
CREATING AN OVERSEAS BUYING AND TRADING AGENCY

WHEREAS, P.D. 1297, as amended by P.D. 1593, has centralized the importation of Cattle and Meat with the government;

WHEREAS, in the light of the continuing increase in the price of oil and the inevitable economic repercussions it will produce in the prices of locally produced commodities, particularly food stuffs, there is an imperative need for the government to institute measures that will moderate and stabilize the prices of these basic commodities;

WHEREAS, to further strengthen the effective implementation of P.D. 1297, as amended by P.D. 1593, and insure the attainment of the objectives underscored in these Decrees, it has become necessary for the government to participate more closely and actively with the sources of supply of raw materials for the local production of basic commodities;

WHEREAS, prices of basic commodities are heavily and inevitably influenced by the cost of their raw materials/components;

WHEREAS, to protect the livestock and meat industry from an erratic market condition, the consequent disadvantages of unpredictable fluctuating prices and to assure domestic consumers and end-users of stable quality and reasonable prices of livestock and meat products, a centralized government controlled Buying and Trading Agency has become necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Presidential Decree 1416, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. – There is hereby created an Overseas Buying and Trading Agency to be initially established in Australia to cover the Oceania Region. This Agency shall be entrusted with the responsibility and function of procuring and/or purchasing all livestock, meat and meat by-products in Australia and New Zealand imported and/or brought into the Philippines.

Sec. 2. – This Agency shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the Philippine Government thru the Bureau of Animal Industry. The agency shall have a Board of Directors composed of at least five (5) members who shall be appointed by or with the authority of the President.

Sec. 3. – All importations carried out by this Agency shall be covered by ordinary commercial import letters of credit. Such import letters of credit shall be exempt from marginal deposits.

Sec. 4. – The Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry or such other Government Entity as may be authorized by the Office of the President shall within fifteen (15) days –

(1) submit for approval to the Office of the President the Implementing Rules and Regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Order; and

(2) organize a Special Section and such other unit/s as may be necessary to insure the attainment of the objectives outlined in this Order.

Sec. 5.– The Ministry of the Budget shall for this purpose appropriate such funds as may be necessary out of the unappropriated funds of the National Government.

Sec. 6. – All Decrees, Orders and Regulations in contravention to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby considered repealed and/or modified accordingly.

DONE IN THE CITY OF MANILA, this 6th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President and Prime Minister

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 573
ABOLISHING THE PHILIPPINE EXPORT COUNCIL AND CREATING THE
PHILIPPINE EXPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a critical need exists for further integrating under one ministry the authority and responsibility for export trade promotion, particularly in the formulation of policies and programs;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Trade is the logical repository of the functions and authority required to render operational the national export strategy in a manner consistent with the Philippine Socio-Economic Development Plans;

WHEREAS, the private sector must parallel governmental efforts to generate foreign currency earnings through exports, an objective which is best accomplished through the participation of the private sector in the process of determining policy directions and identifying necessary changes in such directions whenever required for the purpose of formulating appropriate measures to meet changing foreign market patterns;

WHEREAS, by virtue of its linkages to the private sector, the Ministry of Trade possesses the necessary means for relating itself to the requirements and needs of the export industry and for encouraging the private sector to participate in the national effort to expand and diversify foreign markets for Philippine-made or processed products; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the government to promote and develop its foreign trade and, towards this end, encourage, expand and diversify export to existing and prospective foreign markets in order to generate additional employment and income, improve the balance of payments, and accelerate the economic development of the nation.

It is hereby further declared to be the policy of the government to assist and support private sector producers and traders in the development and promotion of Philippine commodities and services for export, and to optimize private sector participation in the formulation and implementation of government export development and promotion programs.

SEC. 2. Creation of the Philippine Export Advisory Council. – There is hereby created a Philippine Export Advisory Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall be attached to the Ministry of Trade. The Council shall be composed of the Minister of Trade, as ex-officio Chairman, and eight members from the private sector to be appointed by the President of the Philippines for a term of three (3) years from among the qualified candidates nominated by industry or trade associations whose members are involved in the production, marketing or financing of exports: Provided, however, That for the initial appointments to the Council, two members shall be appointed for one (1) year, two shall be appointed for two (2) years, and four shall be appointed

for a full term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all succeeding appointments shall be made for a term of three years except appointments made to replace a member who for any reason whatsoever does not serve his full term, in which case the appointment of his replacement shall be conterminous with the unexpired term of the member replaced. The present members from the private sector of the Governing Council of the Philippine Export Council shall continue to serve as members of the Philippine Export Advisory Council until their successors have been appointed.

SEC. 3. Functions of the Council. – The Council shall render advice and counsel to the Minister of Trade with respect to Philippine products the export potential of which can be further developed; projects and programs on export promotion and market diversification; facilitation of trade procedures; and areas of possible collaboration between the Government and the private sector. The Council shall likewise adopt policy recommendations for submission to the Minister of Trade who shall, if he deems it appropriate or where other agencies are involved, present the same to the Cabinet or directly to the President of the Philippines for approval.

On its own initiative or on the basis of the recommendation of the various Product Committees created Section 5 hereof, the Council shall recommend ways and means of improving the operating environment for export producers and traders to the Minister of Trade who shall, if he deems it appropriate or where other agencies are involved, present the same to the Cabinet or directly to the President.

SEC. 4. Rules of Proceedings. – The Council shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to govern its proceedings.

SEC. 5. Product Committees. – The Council shall create Product Committees to be composed principally of members from the private sector to be appointed by the Chairman of the Council with the concurrence of a majority of the members thereof.

SEC. 6. Functions of the Product Committees. – The Committees shall conduct policy studies; formulate position papers on policy issues; gather, process, and disseminate export trade information; and adopt recommendations for submission to the Council, which shall submit them to the Minister of Trade. The Minister of Trade shall, if he deems it appropriate or where other agencies are involved, present the same to the Cabinet or directly to the President.

SEC. 7. Chairmanship and Proceedings of the Committees. – Each Committee shall elect a Chairman from among its members with the concurrence of the Council. The rules or proceedings for the Committees shall be prescribed by the Council.

SEC. 8. Secretariat for the Council. – The Council shall have a Secretariat which shall be under the supervision and control of the Chairman of the Council.

The Chairman of the Council shall appoint the personnel of the Secretariat subject to existing applicable rules and regulations, except as may otherwise be provided by law or Presidential directives: Provided, however, That contractual personnel of the Council who are to be wholly paid from funds contributed by the private sector shall be exempt from Office of Compensation and Position Classification and Civil Service rules and regulations.

SEC. 9. Abolition of the Philippine Export Council. – The Philippine Export Council including the Committee on Accredited Trading Companies and the Export Advisory Board, is hereby abolished and its appropriate functions, together with applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may necessary are transferred to the Ministry of Trade: Provided, That part of the appropriations of the abolished Philippine Export Council as may be determined by the Minister shall be made available to the Philippine Export Advisory Council for its initial operating expenses.

SEC. 10. Contributions from the Private Sector. – The Chairman of the Council may arrange for contributions or donations from the private sector to augment the funds of the Council: Provided, however, That disbursements from these funds shall be in accordance with policies and guidelines as may be prescribed by the Council as well as with applicable laws.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – Any and all acts, statutes, decrees, orders, rules, regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 7th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 574

PROVIDING FOR THE RE-STRUCTURING OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND, FOR THE PURPOSE, AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND OTHER RELATED LAWS

WHEREAS, far reaching developments in the world economy have necessitated a re-emphasis by the government of its priorities in its efforts to support the growth and development of foreign and domestic trade in order to achieve the national objectives of accelerated economic growth and development;

WHEREAS, for such programs to succeed, the capabilities of the nation to expand and diversify its export markets and secure more advantageous terms and trade for its commodities and services must be more vigorously mobilized;

WHEREAS, for such programs to succeed and, in particular, to achieve a continuing favorable balance of payments the imports of the nation must be marshalled and directed according to an operational framework incorporating a clear-cut and positive character to respond for each new external economic pressure;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Trade is the primary instrumentality of the government for discharging its functions related to trade; and as such, it is the natural focus of lines of responsibility and authority necessary to develop a consolidated, integrated and coherent approach to the search for solutions to trade related problems and to the identification of opportunities in the generation of foreign currency earnings;

WHEREAS, in order to discharge its responsibilities, the Ministry of Trade must be provided with the organizational structure, the financial support, and the manpower capabilities commensurate with the scope of its tasks; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the government to promote and develop its domestic and foreign trade, and through a more effective Ministry of Trade; expand export and domestic trade activities and provide measures designed to facilitate trade and minimize cost increasing inefficiencies, disincentives and regulatory restraints in the market, for purposes of achieving the national objectives of efficiently providing essential commodities to the people, attaining favorable foreign trade balances, full employment, and accelerated industrialization.

SEC. 2. The Ministry of Trade. – The primary responsibility for the development, promotion, rationalization, and regulation of commerce and trade, both domestic and foreign, is hereby lodged in the Ministry of Trade, hereinafter referred to as the Ministry, which is constituted as the principal

governmental instrumentality for policy-making, planning, programming, implementation, and inter-agency coordination for all domestic and foreign trade matters and activities.

SEC. 3. Authority and Responsibility. – The responsibility and authority for the exercise of the powers and the discharge of the functions of the Ministry shall be vested in a Minister of Trade who shall be assisted by two Deputy Ministers.

The Minister of Trade is hereby authorized to determine and assign the respective functional areas of responsibilities of the two deputy ministers provided that such delineation of responsibilities shall be limited to the substantive functions and operations of the Ministry. A deputy minister shall not be assigned to be responsible for purely administrative matters.

SEC. 4. Powers and Functions. – The Ministry shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Formulate and implement policies, plans, programs and projects, consistent with the policy declared in Section 1 hereof and based on approved national development plans, priorities and guidelines;
- b. Supervise and coordinate governmental activities concerning trade, including the regulation thereof and the enforcement of laws relating thereto, in order not only to insure fair dealing and to protect property and consumer rights but to facilitate and promote trade through the removal of barriers to and distortions in trade by such means as may be found effective and expeditious, including deregulation and further simplification and integration of trade processes and procedures; and, in connection with the enforcement of laws on patents, fair trade, and other related statutes, the extension of government assistance and protection, where appropriate and in accordance with law, to, among others, Philippine distributors, franchise holders, and beneficiaries of compulsory patent licensing;
- c. Design and administer a comprehensive and integrated program of promotions, research, training, and consultancy assistance, intended to develop, expand, and diversify export markets and induce patronage of Philippine-made products and services in the domestic market; and, in connection therewith, develop an adequate system of registration for trading companies, especially those engaged in exports, in order to further develop the export potentials and capabilities of such companies and provide them with government assistance and support where called for and in accordance with law;
- d. Collect and disseminate market intelligence data to appropriate entities, including Philippine exporters, and identify opportunities, for effecting foreign exchange savings in overseas sourcing of raw materials and the intermediate and capital goods requirements of export and import-substitution industries;
- e. Develop inter-agency cooperation and coordination for monitoring and assessing the impact on the balance of trade of imports and non-merchandise expenditures and receipts;
- f. Represent the Government, together with such other government offices as may also be concerned, in trade conferences, meetings and negotiations; and discharge such responsibilities of the government relating to trade aspects as may arise from bilateral or multilateral treaties, agreements, and other commitments to which the Philippine is a signatory;
- g. Promulgate standards and guidelines, as well as appropriate rules and regulations for their enforcement, in coordination with specialized governmental agencies and offices, for commodities, products, and services deemed vital to domestic or external trade;
- h. Institute and administer an export product classification system adequate for product and market planning and for undertaking export promotion and diversification activities;

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- i. Maintain a registry of exporters and importers including individual firms as well as associations to facilitate the dissemination of trade information and the assembly of statistical data on the import and export industries suitable for market planning, and for this purpose, where necessary, require such firms and associations to submit periodic reports containing the requisite information;
 - j. Develop, install, and maintain a responsive and effective management information and performance evaluation system at all levels and stages of planning, execution, coordination, monitoring and control of the activities, programs and projects of the Ministry;
 - k. Establish and institutionalize a mechanism, for consultation, liaison, cooperation, and for formulating and implementing programs of assistance, with the business sectors and consumer groups;
 - l. Promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to attain its objectives; and
 - m. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

SEC. 5. Organization of the Ministry. – The Ministry shall include the Ministry proper, composed of the Office of the Minister, the Planning Service, the Financial and Management Service, the Legal Service, and the Administrative Service.

The Bureau of Export Promotion, the Bureau of International Trade Relations, the Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion, and the Bureau of Consumer Affairs which are hereby created, and the Philippines Bureau of Products Standards, the Philippines Patent Office and the Bureau of Fiber and Inspection Service which are retained in the Ministry shall be under the supervision and control of the Ministry.

The Metric System Board, Design Center Philippines, Accreditation Boards for Service and Repair Enterprises and the Foreign Trade Service Board shall be under the administrative supervision of the Ministry.

The Philippine International Trading Corporation and the Philippine Shippers' Council shall be attached to the Ministry.

SEC. 6. Functions of the Minister. – The functions of the Minister shall be as follows:

- a. Advise the President on matters relative to foreign and domestic trade;
- b. Establish the policies and standards for the implementation of the plans and programs of the Ministry consistent with declared national policies on domestic and foreign trade;
- c. Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to attain the objectives, implement the policies, and perform the functions of the Ministry;
- d. Exercise supervision and control over all offices and bureaus under the Ministry, and, in the case of agencies attached to or under the administrative supervision of the Ministry exercise such appropriate authority as prescribed under pertinent provisions of Part II and Part XI of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended;
- e. Except as otherwise provided by law, delegate authority for the performance of any function to such personnel or offices as he may deem best able to discharge the same; and
- f. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law and Presidential instructions and directives.

SEC. 7. Functions of the Staff Services in the Ministry Proper. – The functions of the Planning Service, Financial and Management Service and Administrative Service shall be those stated in the appropriate provisions of Part II of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended, except that

the functions of the Administrative Service pertaining to legal and other related matters shall be performed by the Legal Service of the Ministry.

SEC. 8. Bureau of Export Promotion. – The Bureau of Export Promotion shall assist and advise the Minister in the formulation of policies and programs related to the expansion of established markets for Philippine export products, in the provision of assistance to private exporters, as well as in the identification and development of new international outlets for Philippine export products.

The Foreign Trade Service Corps established in the Ministry under Executive Order No. 540 shall be under the supervision and control of the Director of Export Promotion who shall determine all matters related to the assignment abroad of the members of the Corps, including the scope of their work and reporting duties subject to the approval of the Minister. Members of the Corps who are actually assigned to a foreign post shall be under such administrative supervision of the head of the Philippine mission in the country of their assignment as is provide for in existing applicable laws and rules and such memorandum of understanding which may be entered into between the Ministry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and revised from time to time as necessary.

SEC. 9. Bureau of International Trade Relations. – The Bureau of International Trade Relations shall assist and advice the Minister in the performance of the export facilitation functions of the Ministry, which functions include the promulgation and enforcement of regulations on export trade, the registration of export producers, traders, and associations of exporters for statistical and other purposes, the conduct of country and commodity research, the overall coordination of the simplification and integration of export procedures adopted by the Ministry and other agencies of the government, and the servicing of bilateral and multilateral trade relations in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other ministries concerned.

SEC. 10. Bureau of Consumer Affairs. – The Bureau of Consumer Affairs shall, among other functions, advise and assist the Minister in all matters relative to the enforcement of all laws, rules and regulations concerning domestic trade, including measures intended to protect consumers and prevent the establishment of combinations in restraint of trade, as well as the use of misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent schemes and devices to effect the sale and distribution of commodities. The Bureau shall likewise advise and assist the Minister in the discharge of the functions of the Ministry relating to real estate brokers, retail trade, and the registration of merchants, business names, and documents connected with the law on bulk sales.

SEC. 11. Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion. – The Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion shall, among other functions, advise and assist the Minister in the discharge of the Ministry's functions relating to domestic trade promotion and development.

SEC. 12. Philippines Bureau of Products Standards. – The Philippines Bureau of Products Standards shall perform the same functions as those provided under existing applicable laws.

SEC. 13. Philippines Patent Office. – The Philippines Patent Office shall perform the same functions as those provided under existing applicable laws.

SEC. 14. Bureau of Fiber and Inspection Service. – The Bureau of Fiber and Inspection Service shall perform the same functions as those provided under existing applicable laws.

SEC. 15. Export Facilitation Functions. – To provide the appropriate balancing factor in the enforcement of regulatory, and licensing laws administered by other ministries and agencies of government, the Ministry shall, within the framework of a market oriented program:

1. Assist in the further simplification of procedures adopted by other ministries and agencies of government for regulating export activities; assist in granting fiscal and/or financial incentives or accrediting or registering export enterprises, and, through effective liaison

with such ministries and agencies, assist in the facilitation of the processing of applications for registration, or accreditation, the issuance of licenses and permits, and availment of incentives;

2. Assist in obtaining clarification of or in rendering more efficient the existing regulatory framework governing importations by export industries with imported inputs to production, including those applicable to bonded manufacturing, export drawback, and margin deposits; and
3. Assist in inducing the inflow of investment or the transfer of appropriate technology to export industries by coordinating or establishing working relationship with government agencies whose functions involved the regulation, encouragement or support of programs and projects intended to increase the capital base or upgrade the technological capability of industrial enterprises.

SEC. 16. Field Organizational Structure of the Ministry. – Within 180 days from the date of the effectivity of this Executive Order, the Minister of Trade shall effect the consolidation and integration of the Ministry's field operations, including those of its bureaus, either under any existing regional or field unit he may designate or under ministry-wide regional offices to be established in accordance with Article I, Chapter III, Part II of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended. The Minister of Trade shall likewise issue the necessary implementing order effecting such consolidation which may include the abolition of existing field offices of the bureaus and offices under the Ministry, the transfer of resources and such personnel as may be necessary either to the field unit designated by the Minister or to the regional offices as may be established, and the organizational relationships between central and field offices consistent with national policies and guidelines.

SEC. 17. Transferred Agencies. –

1. The Export Promotion Project in the National Economic and Development Authority shall be transferred to, and placed under the appropriate unit in the Ministry as may be determined by the Minister of Trade. The transfer shall include applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary. The Minister of Trade, at his direction, may constitute an inter-agency committee consisting of representatives of concerned ministries and agencies to manage the project.

2. The National Cottage Industries Development Authority (NACIDA) shall be transferred and attached to the Ministry of Industry, together with its functions, applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary: Provided, That those functions and programs of NACIDA which may be primarily concerned with trade matters shall be transferred to the Ministry of Trade or to an appropriate agency attached to or under the administrative supervision of the Ministry, together with applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary: Provided, further, That the actual transfer of NACIDA to the Ministry of Industry may be deferred but not beyond the end of 1980, to enable the Minister of Trade to complete the implementation of NACIDA programs with close linkage with the Ministry: Provided, finally, That such arrangements shall be undertaken by mutual agreement between the Minister of Trade and the Minister of Industry.

SEC. 18. Abolished Agencies. –

1. The Bureau of Foreign Trade is hereby abolished and its functions, together with applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary are transferred as appropriate to the Bureau of Export Promotion and the Bureau of International Trade Relations.

2. The Bureau of Domestic Trade is hereby abolished and its functions, together with applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary are transferred as appropriate to the Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion and the Bureau of Consumer Affairs.

3. The Cottage Industry Development Council and the Cottage Industry Development Enterprises are hereby abolished and their functions, together with applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary are transferred to the National Cottage Industries Development Authority.

4. The National Cottage Industries Bank created under Republic Act No. 3756 is abolished, and the Central Bank shall arrange for the liquidation of the Bank: Provided, That after the satisfaction of all claims against the Bank, any remaining assets shall be turned over to the National Cottage Industries Development Authority: Provided, further, That the liquidation may be undertaken judicially or otherwise by the Central Bank.

5. The Philippine Export Credit Insurance and Guarantee Corporation is hereby abolished and its functions, as appropriate, are transferred to the Philippine Export and Foreign Loan Guarantee Corporation.

SEC. 19. Permanent Committees on Philippine Trade Agreements. – The Permanent Committees for the implementation of Philippine trade agreements with foreign countries are to be chaired by the Minister or his designee.

SEC. 20. Personnel Matters. – All positions in the Ministry shall be subject to the Civil Service Law and the rules and regulations of the Office of Compensation and Position Classification except as may be provided for by law or Presidential directives.

SEC. 21. Contractual Services. – In accordance with existing applicable law and rules or Presidential directive, the Ministry is hereby authorized to engage the services of experts and consultants, whether individual persons or institutions on a contractual basis and for such compensation as may be deemed reasonable whenever necessary for the following purposes:

1. To undertake studies and reviews of bilateral and multilateral treaties; and prepare supportive position papers with respect thereto;
 2. To represent the Ministry, under special conditions, in international conferences, meetings, and negotiations;
 3. To evaluate the performance of bureaus, offices, and units within the Ministry, as well as the agencies, councils, and corporations attached or otherwise linked to the Ministry for purposes of improving coordination and aligning programs and activities;
 4. To coordinate export promotion programs, particularly those related to the activities of the commercial attaché network of the Ministry and those involving private sector participation;
 5. To design and implement specific short-period gestation projects and programs of urgent and/or special concern to the Ministry;
 6. To provide specialized research and trade consultancy services to the private sector;
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7. To assist in other highly technical or policy determining activities of the Ministry, particularly those involving international trade relations and the promotion of export trade.

SEC. 22. Personnel Development. – Except as otherwise provided by law, the Minister may, for the purpose of personnel development, adopt a program of cross posting at all levels within the Ministry and, pursuant to the requirements thereof and the exigencies of the service, re-assign or transfer any employee of the Ministry from one office or one position to another without prejudice to the maintenance of his salary and other emoluments.

SEC. 23. Separability Clause. – Should any provision hereof be declared unconstitutional, no other provision hereof shall be affected thereby.

SEC. 24. Repealing Clause. – All provisions of Presidential Decree Numbered Seven Hundred and Twenty-One and of other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly. Likewise, Letter of Instructions Numbered Seven Hundred Eighty-Six, designating a Presidential Action Officer on Trade Facilitation is hereby modified accordingly.

SEC. 25. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 7th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 575
EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON REORGANIZATION
CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 281, SERIES OF 1970

WHEREAS, the changing requirements for development administration as are envisioned to be brought about by shifts in policy and program thrusts will require that corresponding changes be effected in the administrative system for governance;

WHEREAS, it may be necessary to effect major changes in the organization of the national government in order to attune it to the new requirements for effective administration during the process of further political development;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide the President with adequate staff support in the continuing assessment and determination of needed changes; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the Presidential Commission on Reorganization to continue providing staff assistance and consultative advice to the President, Civil Service Commission, Career Executive Service Board, and other agencies of the government on development administration relative to, among others, reorganization matters, decentralization and regionalization, career executive service, and rationalization of government corporation management;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby extend the term of the Presidential Commission on Reorganization beginning January 1, 1980, which extension shall be continuing unless otherwise or until such time as shall be determined by me.

The Presidential Executive Assistant shall issue the necessary directives for the detail or the extension of the detail of such technical personnel as may be needed by the Commission under the same conditions as prescribed in Executive Order No. 281, as amended.

The Commission is authorized to disburse and defray expenses for its operations from January 1 to December 31, 1980 from funds as may be made available from the budgetary outlay of ₱800,000 for the operating expenses of the Presidential Commission on Reorganization included in the General Appropriations Act for 1980 (Batas Pambansa Blg. 40), and from such additional sources as may be subsequently necessary. Thereafter, the appropriations for the continued operations of the Commission shall be included in subsequent general appropriations acts for the duration of its existence as may be determined by the President.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 4th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 576
EXEMPTING PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, CONSUMABLES AND OTHER GIVE-AWAYS
FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES FOR THE USE OF DELEGATES TO
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OR TOURISM CONVENTIONS HOSTED
IN MANILA BY THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM

WHEREAS, it is the government policy to encourage and promote the holding of international meetings and conventions in the country;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is being favored as the site of various international travel or tourism conventions with the Ministry of Tourism as host;

WHEREAS, the very nature of such international conventions necessitate the use of promotional materials, consumables, and give-aways by foreign delegates;

WHEREAS, as host, the Philippines is prepared to extend the warmest hospitality to all participating delegates as well as lend the necessary support to ensure the over-all success of international travel or tourism conventions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby authorize the entry of all promotional materials, consumables and give-aways granting such items exemption from customs duties, taxes and all other assessments as long as said items are covered by a certification issued by the Minister of Tourism stating that such items are in reasonable quantities as needed by the convention shall be for the exclusive use of delegates to an international travel or tourism convention hosted in the Philippines, by said Ministry, and that it shall be distributed on a free-of-charge basis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 577

**CREATING THE RURAL WATERWORKS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PRESCRIBING
ITS POWERS AND ACTIVITIES, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State to provide a complete coverage of water supply services for the whole country;

WHEREAS, the provision of water supply in Metropolitan Manila and in the larger municipalities and cities has been assigned to the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), respectively;

WHEREAS, the other areas not covered by the MWSS and the LWUA are predominantly rural areas and the efforts of providing the water supply needs of the residents therein are fragmented among many different agencies; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

CHAPTER I

DECLARATION OF POLICY; CREATION OF RWDC

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to pursue in an orderly and vigorous manner the attainment of complete coverage of water supply services for the whole country. Complete coverage cannot be achieved unless service to the urban and densely populated areas is combined with service to the thinly settled rural areas. The rationalization of the water supply sector structure, shall, therefore, be pursued in accordance with the following strategies:

- a) The National Water Resources Council shall be responsible for formulating policies and framework plans for water supply. Consistent with these policies and framework plans, the Ministry of Public Works shall be responsible for developing integrated national water supply plans and programs covering all sectors and agencies concerned;
- b) The MWSS shall concentrate its operations in Metropolitan Manila and such contiguous areas as may be added to its area of jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of its charter;
- c) The LWUA shall promote water districts in cities and municipalities with a population of at least 20,000 each; and

- d) A separate and permanent institution shall handle the rural water supply sector and areas not serviced by the abovementioned agencies.

To attain the objective of water supply service coverage of rural areas, the Government shall encourage self-help and self-reliant water supply projects and promote the organization of non-profit, non-stock rural waterworks associations, or cooperatives hereinafter to be referred to as RWA's.

The heavy financial burdens that RWA's must sustain to become effectively established and operationally stable indispensably necessitate every tenable support and assistance by the National Government, its instrumentalities and agencies to the fullest extent possible.

SEC. 2. Creation of Rural Waterworks Development Corporation. – To implement the foregoing policy, there is hereby created a public corporation to be known as the Rural Waterworks Development Corporation hereinafter referred to as the Corporation, which shall be primarily responsible for the formation of RWA's that will construct, operate and maintain water supply systems in the rural areas. It shall likewise, provide technical, institutional and financial assistance to the RWA's. The Corporation shall be directly under the Office of the President.

SEC. 3. Relationship with the Ministry of Public Works. – The Ministry of Public Works shall serve as the principal implementing agency of the Corporation for engineering and construction of water supply projects.

CORPORATE POWERS

SEC. 4. General Powers. – The Corporation shall have the following general powers:

- a) To have continuous succession under its corporate name until otherwise provided by law;
- b) To adopt, amend and/or repeal its by-laws;
- c) To adopt and use a seal and alter it at its pleasure;
- d) To sue and be sued;
- e) To enter into relevant contracts of every name and nature and to execute all pertinent instruments for their execution and implementation;
- f) To borrow funds from any source, private or public, foreign or domestic, and to issue bonds and other evidence of indebtedness, the payment of which shall be guaranteed by the National Government;
- g) To receive, take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, purchase or lease, either absolutely or in trust for any of its purposes, from foreign and domestic sources, any asset, grant or property, real or personal, subject to such limitations as are provided in existing laws and regulations; and to convey such assets, grants or properties; invest and reinvest the same under this provision and deal with and expand its assets and income in such manner as will best promote its objectives;
- h) To exercise the right of eminent domain whenever the Corporation deems it necessary for the attainment of its objectives;
- i) To prescribe rules and regulations in the conduct of its general business as well as to fix and implement the terms and conditions of its related activities;
- j) To establish, operate and maintain branch or field offices when required by the exigencies of its business subject to the provisions of Section 24;

- k) To determine its organizational structure and the number, positions and salaries of its personnel; and
- l) To exercise such powers and do such things as may be necessary to carry out the business and purposes for which the Corporation was established or which from time to time may be declared by the Board of Directors to be necessary, useful, incidental or auxiliary to accomplish such purposes; and generally, to exercise all powers of a Corporation under the Corporation Law that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.

SEC. 5. Specific Powers. – The Corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to promote, encourage and assist RWA's to the end of making adequate water supply services available to residents of the rural areas not served nor covered by the LWUA and the MWSS and for this purpose it is hereby specifically authorized and directed:

- a) To prepare feasibility studies and development plans for water system development including the procurement of necessary facilities, devices and accessory equipment;
- b) To cooperate, coordinate and exchange such information, studies and reports with and to seek the cooperation of other agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government including government-owned or controlled corporations, as will be most effectively conducive to the achievement of the purposes of this Executive Order;
- c) To provide managerial or administrative expertise including the rendering of professional and training services for the development of the staff and employees of the RWA's;
- d) To have exclusive jurisdiction to receive from RWA's all articles of incorporation and by-laws and amendments thereof, consolidations, merger, conversion, dissolution, annual financial statements, changes in the location of principal offices, annual elections and other related documents and, upon determining that such are in conformity with this Executive Order and the pertinent provisions of related legislation, to certify the same, to file them in its records and maintain a registry of such filing;
- e) To make loans to RWA's for the construction and acquisition of facilities, related properties, and equipment for supplying water services and for the restoration, improvement or expansion of such facilities;
- f) To provide or arrange for grants to RWA's for point source development, under such terms and conditions as the Board may determine;
- g) To approve or disapprove any request for permission to acquire loans from other lenders to RWA's which at the time are borrowers of the Corporation; and
- h) To report annually to the President of the Philippines on the status of its operations, including a comprehensive report of loans extended, areas serviced as a result of such loans, and other activities.

CHAPTER III

CAPITALIZATION AND FINANCING

SEC. 6. Capitalization. – The authorized capital stock of the Corporation is one billion pesos divided into ten million shares with a par value of one hundred pesos per share which shall be wholly subscribed by the National Government and shall be appropriated, programmed and released upon consultation with the Minister of the Budget and in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 1177.

A standing annual sum of ₱20 million is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to cover grants, institutional development, manpower developmental training and technical assistance of the Corporation.

SEC. 7. Loan Standards. – Only RWA's shall be entitled to loans from the Corporation. In extending the loans authorized under Section 5 (e) hereof, the Board is hereby authorized, empowered and directed:

- a) Prior to approving such loan to determine that:
 - 1) The project is financially feasible for the purpose for which the loan is applied for;
 - 2) Funds are or will be imminently available for the total advancement of such loan to the borrower on the schedule contemplated under the loan agreement;
 - 3) The borrower is financially capable of complying with the terms and conditions of the loan;
- b) To require that the loan be self-liquidating within the terms and conditions specified;
- c) To require that the amount of loan applied for does not exceed ninety (90) per cent of the total cost of the project;
- d) To impose reasonable interest rates;
- e) To fix schedules for repayment; and
- f) To require compliance with the pertinent procedures, rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors of the Corporation to assure that the purposes of such loan will be timely achieved and that the loan agreement and the provisions of this Act shall be complied with.

SEC. 8. Enforcement Powers. – If any RWA with an outstanding loan(s) with the Corporation shall default in the payment of its principal and/or interest or shall fail to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the loan agreement or any rule or regulations promulgated in implementation of this Executive Order, the Board of Directors of the Corporation is hereby authorized to do any or any combination of the following:

- a) Refuse approval of any new loan to the borrower;
 - b) Withhold without limitation the Corporation's advancement, or withhold its approval for any other lender with respect to which the Corporation has such approval power to make advancement of any funds pursuant to any loan already made to the borrower;
 - c) Withhold any technical or professional assistance being furnished or that might be furnished to the borrower;
 - d) Foreclose any mortgage or deed or trust or other security held by the Corporation on the properties of the borrower. In this connection, the Corporation may, subject to any superior or co-equal rights in such lien held by any other lender;
 - 1) Bid for and purchase or otherwise acquire such property(ies);
 - 2) Pay the purchase price thereof and any cost and expenses incurred in connection therewith out of the revolving fund;
 - 3) Accept title to such properties in the name of the Republic; and
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- 4) Even prior to the institution of foreclosure proceedings, operate or lease such properties for such period and in such manner as may be deemed necessary or advisable to protect the investment therein, including the improvement, maintenance and rehabilitation of facilities and systems to be foreclosed, but the Corporation shall, within three years from acquiring such properties in foreclosure proceedings, sell the same for such consideration as it determine most conducive to the purpose of this Executive Order; or
 - e) Take any other remedial measures which the loan agreement may provide.

In addition to the foregoing, the Corporation may petition any court having jurisdiction for such purpose or any administrative agency possessing regulatory powers for such purpose to issue such order and afford such lawful relief as may be necessary.

SEC. 9. General Conditions of Loans. – All loans extended by the Corporation shall be subject to the following general conditions:

- a) No borrower shall, without the prior approval of the Board and of any other lender holding and sharing a lien on such borrower's properties, sell or dispose of the whole or any part of the property, rights, franchise, permits or any other assets acquired and/or mortgaged pursuant to the provisions of this Executive Order until all the outstanding indebtedness including interest thereon to the Corporation and any other such lender shall have been fully paid; Provided, That the Corporation may by appropriate rule or regulation grant general permission to borrowers to dispose of incidental real and/or personal properties, rights, franchise, permits or other assets no longer deemed necessary or useful in conducting the borrower's operation.
- b) No association with an outstanding loan with the Corporation shall borrow money from any source without the prior written approval of the Corporation; Provided, That the Board of Directors of the Corporation may, by appropriate rules or regulations, grant general permission to such associations to secure short term loans not requiring the encumbering of their real properties or a substantial portion of other properties or assets.

The foregoing conditions shall be included by reference or incorporation in all loans approved by the Corporation.

SEC. 10. Foreign/Local Loans. – With the prior approval of the President, upon recommendation of the Minister of Finance, the Corporation may borrow from local or foreign private or public institutions such amount as may from time to time be required by its operations or to issue bonds and other evidences of indebtedness. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, the Central Bank is hereby authorized to extend loans and advances to the Corporation, subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Monetary Board. The bonds, promissory notes and other debt instruments shall be at such interest rates, maturities and other terms and conditions as the Corporation may determine and shall be secured by the assets of the Corporation. Such debt instruments shall be fully exempt both as to principal and interest, from any and all taxes imposed by the government or any of its branches. They shall be fully negotiable and unconditionally guaranteed by the National Government. No part of the proceeds of the loans provided in this Section shall be used for the operation of the Corporation.

SEC. 11. Sinking Fund. – A sinking fund shall be established for the payment of the Corporation's bonds in such manner that the total contribution thereto accrued at such rate of

interest as may be determined by the Minister of Finance in consultation with the Monetary Board shall be sufficient to redeem the bonds at maturity. Said fund shall be under the custody of the Central Bank which shall invest the same, subject to the approval of the Monetary Board, provided that the proceeds thereof shall accrue to the Corporation.

A standing annual appropriation is hereby made out of any general funds in the National Treasury in such amount as may be necessary to provide for the sinking fund created herein and for the interest on bonds which may be issued by the Corporation by virtue hereof.

SEC. 12. Earnings of the Corporation. – Earnings which may be realized from the operations of the Corporation shall accrue to and be automatically appropriated as part of the corporate earnings of the Corporation, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 13. Expenditures and Disbursements. – The Corporation, the Commission on Audit, and the Ministry of the Budget shall adopt special procedures on expenditures and disbursements of the Corporation, which procedures shall be most responsive to the needs and operation of the Corporation.

SEC. 14. Auditor. – The Commission on Audit shall appoint, a representative who shall be the auditor of the Corporation.

CHAPTER IV

MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL

SEC. 15. Board of Directors. – All powers of the Corporation shall be vested in and exercised by the Board of Directors hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the Minister of Human Settlement as Chairman and as members, the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Local Government and Community Development, the Minister of Health, the Executive Director of the National Water Resources Council, the General Manager of the Local Water Utilities Administration and the General Manager of the Corporation.

The General Manager shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Board. In the absence of the Chairman, he shall act as Chairman.

SEC. 16. Vacancies. – Board vacancies may be temporarily filled by appointment by the President from senior responsible officials of the Ministries/agencies concerned.

SEC. 17. Meetings, Per Diems, Allowances. – The Board shall meet regularly at least twice a month. Upon call of the Chairman, special meetings of the Board shall be held as often as exigencies demand.

The Chairman and Members of the Board shall be entitled to a per diem per actual meeting attended at such amount as may be fixed by the Board but not exceed ₱1,500 a month.

The Board may provide for travelling and representation allowances for the Chairman and members of the Board in such amount as it may determine.

SEC. 18. Notice. – Notice of meetings shall be served on Board Members either personally or by mail at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of the meeting.

SEC. 19. Quorum. – The presence of at least four (4) members shall constitute a quorum to do business. Unless otherwise provided by law, the affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum shall be sufficient for the approval of any resolution, decision or order.

SEC. 20. Powers and Duties of the Board. – The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

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- a) To formulate and adopt policies and plans for the management, operation and conduct of the affairs of the Corporation;
 - b) To implement the provisions of this Executive Order and for this purpose to formulate and promulgate rules and regulations;
 - c) To adopt or amend the annual budget of the Corporation;
 - d) To approve the organizational structure of the Corporation its staffing pattern and to determine the powers, duties, and salaries of its personnel;
 - e) To determine the powers and duties of duly designated personnel from other government agencies called upon to assist the Corporation in the exercise of its powers and to grant honoraria and/or allowance to such personnel;
 - f) To exercise all the general and specific powers of the Corporation unless otherwise provided in this Executive Order; and
 - g) To delegate any of its powers to a duly designated representative.

SEC. 21. Secretary of the Board. – The Corporate Legal Counsel shall act as the Secretary of the Board and shall have such additional duties and functions as the Board may determine.

SEC. 22. General Manager. – The management of the Corporation shall be vested in the General Manager who shall be a person of known integrity, competence and experience in technical and executive fields related to the objectives of this Executive Order. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 23. Powers and Duties of the General Manager. – The powers and duties of the General Manager shall be as follows:

- a) To execute, administer and implement policies, measures, rules and regulations promulgated by the Board;
- b) To direct and supervise the operation and general administration of the Corporation;
- c) To represent the Corporation in all its dealings;
- d) To pass upon and approve the corporate papers submitted under Section 5 (d) hereof;
- e) Subject to the guidelines established by the Board, to appoint and fix the number and compensation of subordinate officials and employees of the Corporation; and
- f) To exercise such other powers and duties as may be provided in the By-Laws or delegated by the Board.

SEC. 24. Organization and Personnel. – The Board shall create such departments, divisions, sections, units and positions as may be conducive to the attainment of the objectives of this Executive Order and shall define their functions. Additional personnel may be hired on contract basis as the exigencies of the services may require. The Corporation shall not establish its own regional and local organizations staffed with personnel of the Corporation but shall instead make full use of existing regional, provincial and/or local organizations of the Ministry of Public Works, the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, the National Electrification Administration and such other government agencies as the Board may designate, provide that the supervision and control of such functions and responsibilities as may be delegated to these organizations shall remain with the Corporation.

SEC. 25. Merit System. – All officials and employees shall be selected, transferred, promoted and dismissed on the basis of merit and fitness in accordance with a comprehensive and progressive merit system to be established by the Board in conformity with the Civil Service Law.

SEC. 26. Positions and Compensations. – The positions and compensations of the officers and employees of the Corporation shall be in line with those of comparable positions in government corporations under the infrastructure and utilities sector.

SEC. 27. Conflict of Interest. – No member of the Board, officer, agent or employee of the Corporation shall in any manner directly or indirectly participate in the determination of any question affecting any entity in which he or any of his relatives within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity is directly or indirectly interested nor shall such member, officer, agent or employee become the guarantor or surety of any loans extended by the Corporation.

CHAPTER V

RURAL WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION

SEC. 28. Organization. – Cooperative, non-profit, non-stock associations to be known as Rural Waterworks Association (RWA) may be organized for the purpose of supplying water services in the rural areas.

SEC. 29. Powers and Functions. – Rural Waterworks Association, shall be vested with all the powers and functions provided for non-profit, non-stock corporations and cooperatives under the Corporation Law and other related laws, rules and regulations and such other powers and functions as may be provided in their Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as approved by the Corporation.

SEC. 30. Registration. – Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding RWA's organized under this Executive Order shall be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Corporation. Articles of Incorporations and other corporate papers enumerated in Section 5 (d) herein shall be in effect on the date of the issuance of the certification by the Corporation that the same conform to the requirements of this Executive Order.

RWA's and the like already existing at the time of the effectivity of this Executive Order shall register with the Corporation to be entitled to the benefits extended by the Corporation to RWA's and be endowed with the powers, rights, and privileges accorded by this Executive Order to regular RWA's.

SEC. 31. Rules and Regulations. – The Corporation shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the registration of RWA's their management, operation and resolution of conflicts fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette.

SEC. 32. Conflicts Between RWA's. – In case of conflict between two or more RWA's the Corporation shall have the jurisdiction to settle such conflicts subject to such rules and regulations as the Board may promulgate.

CHAPTER VI

FRANCHISE

SEC. 33. Applicability. – This Chapter shall apply only to franchise to supply water in areas outside the coverage of the LWUA and the MWSS, with any question of jurisdiction to be settled by the National Water Resources Council in case of dispute.

SEC. 34. Areas Within LWUA or MWSS Coverage. – Areas within a water district or falling within the coverage of the LWUA or the MWSS may avail themselves of the benefits under this Executive Order; Provided, That a written waiver shall first be secured from the LWUA or

the MWSS, as the case may be; and Provided, further, That for purposes of this Executive Order, the MWSS shall have jurisdiction over water supply provisions in Metropolitan Manila; and the LWUA in larger municipalities and cities as well as in areas having a population of at least 20,000.

The RWDC shall have jurisdiction over areas with a population of less than 20,000. The identification of the areas of jurisdiction of the LWUA and the RWDC shall be done by mutual agreement. However, notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, they may, by mutual arrangement allow the entry of one into the territory of the other for purposes of pursuing their objectives.

SEC. 35. Franchising Power. – The power to grant and thereafter to repeal or alter franchises to supply water is hereby vested exclusively in the Corporation; Provided, That this Section shall not invalidate any franchise heretofore lawfully granted. The Corporation is hereby authorized to notify and require every person holding a water franchise to report to its, within 120 days after such notice, an accurate description of the area encompassed, the number of households therein serviced, the date the franchise was granted and such other information the Corporation may require.

SEC. 36. Authority to Grant Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC) and/or Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN). – Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Corporation shall have the authority to grant Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC) or Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), as the case may be, to persons or entities other than RWA's that wish to operate and maintain waterworks systems in areas within the territorial jurisdiction of the Corporation.

SEC. 37. Preference to RWA's. – Whenever two or more public service entities have competing interests with respect to the granting, repeal, alteration or conditioning of the same water franchise and one is a RWA duly organized under Chapter V herein, the Corporation shall accord preference to the latter over any other type of public service entity, unless the other one type of public service entity will, as found by the Corporation, result to the immediate furnishing of water supply service to (1) a greater number of households, and (2) over a larger geographic area, on the comparative basis of same or lower rates and charges.

SEC. 38. Compliance with Presidential Decree No. 1067. – Any form of authorization granted under the provisions of these Chapter shall not exempt its holder from the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1067, otherwise known as the Philippine Water Code, on water permits and registration.

SEC. 39. Furnishing Service Without a Valid CPC, CPCN or Franchise Prohibited. – No person or entity shall extend and charge for water supply service within any area for which such person or entity has not been granted a valid franchise, CPC, CPCN, or after such franchise, CPC, CPCN has been cancelled or altered so as to prohibit service therein.

CHAPTER VII

FINAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 40. Existing Agencies. – The Task Force on Rural Water Supply of the National Water Resources Council is hereby abolished and its personnel shall constitute the nucleus of the Corporation. All other agencies of the government may undertake projects on rural water supply provided they are in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the Corporation.

SEC. 41. Separability of Provisions. – If any provision of this Executive Order or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances is declared invalid, the remainder of the Executive

Order or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 42. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 43. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 578

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES UNDER SECTION 104 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE CONCESSION RATES OF DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES SET FORTH IN SCHEDULE LXXV – PHILIPPINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS STIPULATED IN THE GENEVA (1979) PROTOCOL TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 402 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex “A” hereof classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, shall be accorded the tariff concession rate specified in column 4 to be applied by stages in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed in the aforecited Annex A.

SECTION 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate to a rate lower than the concession rate of duty on any of the articles listed in the above-mentioned Annex “A”, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding reduced rate of duty.

SECTION 3. The concession rates of duty indicated in Column 4 Annex “A” hereof shall apply only to GATT contracting parties and to countries with an agreement with the Philippines in force and effect providing for the most-favoured-nation treatment on tariffs.

SECTION 4. The articles specifically listed in Annex “B” hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, shall pay the rate of duty specified in Column 3 and shall not be subject to any tariff rate higher than the rate specified in Column 4, of said Annex “B”.

SECTION 5. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the articles listed in the above-mentioned Annex “B” the applicable rate of duty shall be in accordance with the following:

- a. with respect to a subsequent change by reduction of the basic Philippine rate of duty on the articles listed in Annex B hereof such articles shall automatically be accorded the reduced rate of duty.
- b. with respect to a subsequent change by increase of the basic Philippine rate of duty in the articles listed in Annex B –
 - i. such articles shall be subject to the increased rate of duty provided such increased rate does not exceed the concession rate specified in Column 4 of Annex B;
 - ii. such articles shall be accorded the concession rate specified in Column 4 of Annex B hereof, if the increased rate of duty exceeds the rate specified in Column 4 of Annex B.

SECTION 6. After the effective date of this Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 7. This Order shall take effect as of 1 January, 1980.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 579
CREATING A NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
AND PRESCRIBING THE GOVERNANCE OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

WHEREAS, as provided for by P.D. No. 604, as amended, the various amateur sports organizations otherwise known as the National Sports Associations have been tapped to accelerate the task of developing their respective sports;

WHEREAS, the developmental activities of these various amateur sports organizations need to be coordinated in a meaningful manner consistent with national commitments to participate in regional and international competition;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further rationalize the use of scarce resources to support the development activities of the National Sports Associations; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. There shall be created a National Coordinating Committee for Sports Development under the Ministry of Youth and Sports Development. The Committee shall be composed of a Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Development to be designated by the President as ex-officio chairman, and four members to be appointed by the President from among persons who have shown keen interest in sports development. The term of office of the appointive members shall be at the pleasure of the President.

The National Coordinating Committee for Sports Development shall be responsible, in furtherance of the purpose of Section 7 of Presidential Decree No. 604 as amended, for overseeing and coordinating the activities of the various National Sports Associations in accordance with established policies. It shall likewise review and approve the requests of National Sports Associations for government assistance to finance their developmental activities, including those coming from the sweepstakes funds.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports Development shall provide the secretariat services needed by the Committee in pursuance of its functions.

SEC. 2. A uniform governing structure for each of the accredited National Sports Associations is hereby prescribed. In lieu of the present governing structures of said sports associations, including their directorates, there shall be created an Executive Committee for each individual National Sports Association which shall have authority for managing its affairs and activities. The Executive Committee shall be composed of a chairman and two members all of whom shall be elected from among the members of the individual sports association. A member of the National Coordinating Committee for Sports Development shall sit in and participate in the deliberations of the Executive Committee but without the right to vote.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Staff Director

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 580
CREATING AN ALCOHOL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the rising cost of motor fuel has affected and continuously affects the economy of the country;

WHEREAS, in order to cushion the adverse effect of high motor fuel cost on the economy, it is imperative that alternative sources of motor fuel be immediately developed;

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to provide for an effective agency that would formulate and carry out a national program for the production of alternative sources of motor fuel; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriated in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of an Alcohol Commission. – There is hereby created an Alcohol Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, under the Office of the President which shall be responsible for effecting the production, in the soonest possible time, of alcohol in adequate quantities for blending with gasoline for use as motor fuel.

SECTION 2. Powers and Functions of the Commission. – The Commission shall have the following functions:

1. Formulate and define the policies, plans and programs and the necessary guidelines for carrying out and implementing a national program for the production and distribution of alcohol for blending with gasoline as motor fuel;
2. Promote the production and distillation of alcohol from alternative sources such as sugar, cassava, and sorghum and the effective utilization of their by-products;
3. Promote and coordinate the conduct of research and development activities on alcohol production, its utilization as motor fuel; as well as various feedstock possibilities;
4. Determine and indicate the areas of responsibility of the various agencies involved in the program, including those not represented in the Commission;
5. Determine, in consultation with the implementing agencies concerned, their respective work programs and time schedules for carrying them out, and resolve actual or potential areas of conflict, overlapping of jurisdiction or functions, including, but not limited to, the question of pricing;
6. Monitor and evaluate all on-going projects undertaken by the various agencies concerned to ensure their proper implementation in accordance with pre-determined schedules;
7. Where necessary and in the interest of accelerating the implementation of the alcogas program, engage directly in any aspect of the alcogas program, including land development agricultural production, distillation, and other related activities; and
8. Perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

SECTION 3. Organization of the Commission. – The Commission shall be governed by a Board of Commissioners composed of the Minister of Energy, who shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Commission, the Chairman of the Philippine Sugar Commission, who shall be ex-officio Vice Chairman of the Commission, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Industry, the Minister of Natural Resources and another Commissioner to be appointed by the President from the private sector.

The Commission shall have an Executive Director to be appointed by the President. The Executive Director who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission shall be under the administrative supervision and control of the Chairman.

SECTION 4. Implementing Agencies. – The implementation of the alcogas program shall be the responsibility of the various agencies concerned as directed and coordinated by the Commission. Initially, this shall be as follows:

a. The Philippine Sugar Commission shall promote the establishment of alcohol distilleries, whether public or privately owned, and ensure the adequate supply of sugar cane for the production of alcohol.

b. The Ministry of Energy, through the Philippine National Oil Company, shall be the exclusive buyer, unless otherwise decided upon subsequently by the Commission, of alcohol produced for use as motor fuel and shall be responsible for the distribution of alcogas.

c. The Ministry of Agriculture shall study the technical aspects and problems of alcohol production from agricultural crops such as cassava, corn and sorghum, including an economic cost analysis thereof, and promote the production of alcohol from these crops as may be found to be technically and economically feasible.

d. The Ministry of Industry shall promote the manufacture of car and truck engines that can most efficiently accommodate the use of alcogas as motor fuel, and through the Board of Investments, process and approve applications for establishing projects related to the implementation of the alcogas program.

e. The Ministry of Finance shall study and make recommendations on the extent of reduction or elimination of sales taxes on alcohol, to enable alcogas to compete effectively with gasoline prices at the pump stations.

f. The Ministry of Natural Resources shall identify new land areas of the public domain that can be made available for the production of agricultural crops such as sugar cane, corn, cassava and sorghum to be used as feedstock for the production of alcohol.

The other implementing agencies shall support the alcogas program according to their respective areas of concern and as may be determined by the Commission.

SECTION 5. Appropriations. – There is hereby appropriated such amount as may be necessary to defray the operational expenses of the Commission for 1980. Thereafter, the appropriation of the Commission shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. – Letter of Instructions No. 888 creating the Inter-Agency Committee to Accelerate the Implementation of the National Alcogas Program and such other laws, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 581
RE-IMPOSING THE EXPORT TAX AND PREMIUM DUTY

WHEREAS, mineral products, lumber and veneer were originally included in the list of products subject to the export tax and premium duty pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 230 and Executive Order No. 425, respectively;

WHEREAS, the imposition of subject levies on these export products was temporarily suspended because of unfavorable market conditions;

WHEREAS, the prevailing prices of these commodities in the world market have improved appreciably in recent months compared to the prices experienced during the past years;

WHEREAS, it is the expressed policy of the government to induce the processing of traditional export products and encourage the export of manufactured and semi-manufactured goods;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 515 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, otherwise known as the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The export duty on certain export products, namely: gold, silver, copper, ore/ concentrates, refractory chrome, veneer and lumber provided for in Presidential Decree No. 230, as amended, the imposition of which was temporarily suspended by virtue of the provisions of Executive Order Nos. 434, 450, 457 and 568 is hereby re-imposed in accordance with the following schedule specified in the column Export Duty.

In addition to the export duty, herein referred to as the basic rate, there shall be levied, assessed and collected a premium duty based on the difference between the current price as established by the Bureau of Customs and the base price in accordance with the schedule specified under the column Premium Duty. Provided that should the current price of any export product be below the established base price, then only the basic rate shall be applied. Provided, further, that initially the base price upon which the premium duty shall be levied, shall be ninety per centum (90%) of the average F.O.B. value of the exports established by the Bureau of Customs for December 1979.

The National Economic and Development Authority, shall from time to time, review and establish such base prices taking into account, among others, the cost conditions in various industries.

	Export Products	Export Duty	Premium Duty
1)	Gold	4%	20%
2)	Silver	4%	20%
3)	Copper ore/concentrates	4%	20%
4)	Refractory Chrome	4%	20%
5)	Lumber	4%	—
6)	Veneer	4%	—

SECTION 2. Gold sold to Central Bank shall be considered export and therefore shall be subject to the export and premium duties. The Central Bank and the Bureau of Customs are hereby directed to implement this provision.

SECTION 3. This order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 582

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MARGINS OF TARIFF PREFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARTICLES NEGOTIATED DURING THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE TRADE PREFERENCES NEGOTIATING GROUP AND THE EIGHT MEETING OF THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 402 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, shall be accorded the margins of tariff preference as specified in column 4 of said Annex "A" hereof. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN indicated in Column 5 of said Annex "A".

SECTION 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the above-mentioned articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding margins of preference indicated in column 4 of Annex "A".

SECTION 3. After the effective date of this Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rate of import duty herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SECTION 4. This Order shall take effect as of 10 December 1979.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Staff Director

Reference: Annex A

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 583
RECONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL COTTAGE
INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, as provided for under Executive Order No. 574, the Cottage Industry Development Council and the Cottage Industry Development Enterprise were abolished and their functions and resources were transferred to the National Cottage Industries Development Authority;

WHEREAS, under the same Executive Order, the National Cottage Industries Development Authority was transferred and attached to the Ministry of Industry for policy and program coordination;

WHEREAS, as a result of these organizational changes, it has become necessary to reconstitute the Board of Directors of the National Cottage Industries Development Authority to provide a mechanism for greater and more effective coordination in terms of policy and program formulation between it and the Ministry of Industry; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of the National Cottage Industries Development Authority is hereby reconstituted to be composed of the following or their representatives:

- (1) Minister of Industry as Chairman
- (2) Minister of Trade as Vice-Chairman
- (3) Minister of Human Settlements
- (4) Minister of Education and Culture
- (5) Chairman of the National Manpower and Youth Council
- (6) Governor of the Central Bank of the Philippines
- (7) Chairman of the Development Bank of the Philippines
- (8) Administrator of the National Cottage Industries Development Authority
- (9) Three (3) representatives from the private sector

The three (3) members from the private sector shall be appointed by the President for a term of six years: Provided, That one shall be initially appointed for a term of six years, one for a term of four years and the other one for a term of two years.

SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 584
AMENDING SECTION 10 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 540 PROVIDING FOR A FOREIGN
TRADE SERVICE CORPS IN THE MINISTRY OF TRADE

WHEREAS, the implementation of an aggressive export promotion program requires that the Minister of Trade be directly involved in the selection of those who will compose the Foreign Trade Service Corps and in the posting abroad of the members thereof; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Section 10 of Executive Order No. 540 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. Assignment Abroad of Members of the Foreign Trade Service Corps. – The assignment abroad of members of the Foreign Trade Service Corps shall be made by the Ministry of Trade: Provided, however, That the individual members so assigned shall be with the concurrence of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and shall be based on the qualifications of the officer to be assigned: Provided, further, That the said officer shall serve in a post of assignment for a period of not less than two years and more than six years: Provided, finally, That the determination of the specific places abroad which call for Foreign Trade Service Corps postings shall be made by the Ministry of Trade, based on such criteria as export potential, availability of export financing, center for technology transfer, transshipment center, trade policy center and a center for strategic imports.”

Whenever a Foreign Trade Service Officer is given an assignment abroad, he shall be given the appropriate designation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to enable him to perform his duties and functions effectively: Provided, That while he is abroad, he shall be under such administrative supervision of the Head of the Philippine Mission as is provided for in existing applicable laws and rules and such memorandum of understanding which may be entered into between the Ministry of Trade and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and revised from time to time as necessary.

SEC. 2. All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 585
RECONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF CENSORS FOR MOTION PICTURES.

WHEREAS, it is the avowed policy of the government to protect the people against the introduction and exhibition of motion pictures which are deemed immoral, indecent, contrary to law, good customs or injurious to the prestige of the Republic of the Philippines or its people;

WHEREAS, a Board of Censors for Motion Pictures was created under R.A. No. 3060 to carry out the objectives of this policy;

WHEREAS, since 1976 an Interim Board of Censors has been conducting the affairs of the Board;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute a Board of Censors for Motion Pictures in order to provide multi-sector and broader perspective for the review of motion pictures; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and relative improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The Board of Censors for Motion Pictures is hereby reconstituted to be composed of one chairman, three vice-chairmen and twenty-four members. The chairman, the three vice-chairmen and nineteen members of the Board shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines. The other five members of the Board shall be senior officials of the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Public Information and of the National Intelligence and Security Authority (NISA). They shall be designated by the respective ministers and by the Director-General in the case of the NISA representative.

The chairman shall serve for a term of four years. The vice-chairman and the members first appointed by the President shall hold office as follows: one vice-chairman and seven members for two years, one vice-chairman and six members for three years, and one vice-chairman and the other six members for four years, and thereafter, the term of office of the vice-chairman and the appointive members shall all be for four years. If the chairman, or any of the vice-chairmen or appointive members fails to complete his term of office, the person appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board shall serve only for the unexpired term of the members he replaces.

No person shall be appointed to the Board unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, not less than thirty years of age, of good moral standing in the community, and not directly connected with the motion picture or television industries: Provided, That in the selection of members of the Board, consideration shall be made to bring in a multi-sectoral field of expertise on the various aspects of motion picture review.

The chairman, the three vice-chairmen and all members of the Board shall be entitled to honoraria and transportation and allowances to be determined by the Board and subject to the approval of the Minister of the Budget.

SEC. 2. The Board shall have a secretariat to be headed by an executive officer who shall be appointed by the President. The executive officer shall also act as the Secretary of the Board.

SEC. 3. For purposes of reviewing motion pictures, the Board may organize itself into working groups, provided that each group shall be headed by the chairman or a vice-chairman. Each group shall perform its review functions independently of the other groups and its recommendations shall be submitted to the chairman for decision.

SEC. 4. Decisions of the Board are appealable to the President of the Philippines whose decision shall be final. A screening committee in the Office of the President is hereby created composed of a chairman and four members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines which shall submit its recommendation to the President. The Legal Office shall serve as the secretariat of the screening committee.

SEC. 5. The provisions of Republic Act No. 3060 which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Staff Director

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 586
CREATING THE SACOBIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to provide integrated basic economic and social services and facilities in all areas, particularly the underdeveloped or resettlement sites in order to solidify the economic and social structure of our society;

WHEREAS, an integrated rural development, in the form of the Ministry of Human Settlements' Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services (BLISS) Program has been adopted for the development of the Sacobia area;

WHEREAS, the successful provision of integrated, rationalized, basic services and facilities to the Sacobia community requires that the planning, implementation, and management of the area be comprehensive, decentralized and framed within regional, national plans and overall strategy for the BLISS Program;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to enhance the organizational framework, systems capacity and streamlining of developmental efforts, for planning, implementing, and managing the programs in the Sacobia Development Plan, to maximize benefits not only for Sacobia, but for the nation as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, in order to ensure the success of this project, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Creation of Sacobia Development Authority. There is hereby created the Sacobia Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority;

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – The development of Sacobia is hereby declared to be within the implementing strategies of the Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services (BLISS) Program, under the direct supervision of the Board herein created;

SECTION 3. Terms of Reference. The Authority shall adopt the following Terms of Reference:

1. Acquire, purchase, own, hold, develop, lease mortgage, pledge, exchange, sell, transfer or otherwise invest, trade, or deal in, in any manner permitted by law, real and personal property by every kind and description or any interest therein, as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Authority;

2. To borrow money and otherwise, contract indebtedness and to secure payment thereof by mortgage, pledge or deed of trust of, or any encumbrance upon any or all of its then owned or after-acquired real or personal properties and assets;

3. To enter into, make, perform and carry out or cancel and rescind contracts of every kind and for any lawful purpose, within any person, firm, association, corporation, syndicate, domestic or foreign, or other;

4. To cause to implement any other acts and things, and to have the exercise any other powers which may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which this Authority is organized.

SECTION 4. Board Membership. The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of the following:

Chairman	:	Minister of Human Settlements
Members	:	Minister of Agriculture
		Minister of Public Works
		Minister of Public Highways
		Minister of National Defense
		Minister of Local Government and Community Development
		Minister of Economic Planning
		Minister of the Budget
		Minister of Agrarian Reform
		Chief of Staff, AFP
		Minister of Natural Resources
		Minister of Energy
		Minister of Industry

SECTION 5. Program Execution Group. – A Program Execution Group acting under the authority of the Board shall administer and provide operational coordination in the affairs of the authority. The Program Execution Group is composed of the:

- Deputy Minister of Human Settlements
- Director of National Food and Agriculture Council
- Director, Bureau of Animal Industry
- Deputy Minister of Public Works
- Deputy Minister of Public Highways
- Deputy Minister of National Defense
- Deputy Minister of Agrarian Reform
- Assistant Minister of Local Government and Community Development
- Administrator, National Electrification Administration
- Administrator, Farm Systems Development Corporation
- Governor, Province of Tarlac
- MHS Regional Supervisor, Region III

The Deputy Minister shall serve as head of the group.

SECTION 6. Powers and Functions of the Board. The Board of Directors shall have the following functions:

1. Oversee the coordination of the planning, implementation and monitoring of the project;
 2. Review and Authority's consolidated plans, budgets and work programs and recommended approval to the Chairman;
 3. Arrange and/or negotiate with local and foreign financing institutions, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Finance with concurrence by the Ministry of the Budget for funding the development of projects in the area;
 4. Appoint the Authority's Executive Director and Field Office Director and designated for the on-site or field office;
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5. Call upon any Ministry, office, instrumentality or any political subdivision of the government for such assistance that may be necessary in achieving the objectives of the Authority;

6. Exercise such other powers as may be deemed necessary and expedient for the successful development of the area.

SECTION 7. Domicile and Officers of the Sacobia Development Authority. – The Authority, covering the entire 5,612 hectares of Sacobia, shall have a main office in Manila to be headed by an Executive Director duly appointed by the Board who shall maintain a technical and management staff to assist him in the performance of his duties and responsibilities

There shall also be an on-site Field Office headed by the field office director duly designated by the Board and who shall likewise maintain a technical and management staff for effective planning, implementation and monitoring of the area's programs and projects in coordination with the main office.

SECTION 8. Powers and Functions of the Executive Director, the Field Office and the Field Director. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of the Directors. He shall serve until such time as the Authority is dissolved unless sooner removed from office for cause by the Board of Directors. He shall have the following powers, duties and functions:

1. Execute and administer the policies and decisions of the Board of Directors;
2. Directly coordinate the activities of all agencies and instrumentalities of the government in the planning and implementation of projects on site;
3. Monitor the progress and evaluate the effects of project execution by these agencies and instrumentalities; and submit periodic financial reports relating to the development of the area;
4. Apply for, receive and accept grants and donation of funds, equipment, materials and services needed for the development of the area within and outside the Philippines;
5. Perform such functions as are inherently necessary in the operational management of the area's development in accordance with the policies and guidelines formulated by the Board of Directors.

The field office Director shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. He shall serve until such time as the Field Office is dissolved unless sooner removed from office for cause by the Board of Directors. The Field Office Director shall have the following powers, functions and duties:

1. Execute and administer the policies and decisions of the Board of Directors and the Executive Directors;
2. Directly coordinate the activities of all implementing government instrumentalities of on-site projects;
3. Submit periodic financial and work accomplishment reports relating to project implementation to the Board of Directors;
4. Organize and manage the Field Office and adopt administrative rules and procedures for its internal management;
5. Call upon any Ministry, office, agency, instrumentalities or any political subdivision of the government to assist in the planning and implementation of the Sacobia Development Plan;
6. Performs such other functions as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the Executive Director of the Authority.

The Field Office shall have the following functions:

1. Serve as the coordinating center for inter-agency planning and management of Sacobia programs and projects;
2. Identify such development projects in the area for inclusion in the Integrated development program as authorized by the Board of Directors;
3. Prepare feasibility studies for identified projects in Sacobia;
4. Maintain a continuous feedback system with national agencies and cooperating government instrumentalities involved in Sacobia's development;
5. Promote and encourage private enterprises and government agencies and instrumentalities to plan, develop, implement projects necessary of conducive to the acceleration of development in the area;
6. Apply for, receive and accept grants and donations of funds, equipment, materials and services needed for the implementation of the Sacobia Development Plan from services within and outside the Philippines;
7. Call on appropriate Ministry, Office or other government instrumentality for assistance in the discharge of its duties; and
8. Perform such other related functions as may be necessary to attain the objectives of the Sacobia Development Plan.

SECTION 9. Appropriation. For the Sacobia Development Authority, the amount of Five Million Pesos (₱5,000,000) is hereby appropriated out of any available funds from the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. For the succeeding calendar year until its termination, the budgetary requirements shall be provided for in the General Appropriation Act of the government in such amounts as shall be adequate for the purpose.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. – The Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 25th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.

Presidential Staff Director

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 587
SUSPENDING THE EXPORT AND PREMIUM DUTY ON ALL MINERAL PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 581 dated March 11, 1980, reimposes the export tax and premium duty on all mineral products, including veneer and lumber;

WHEREAS, the increase in fuel prices and changes in the world market conditions adversely affected the mineral industry making it uncompetitive abroad; and

WHEREAS, the export tax and premium duty imposed on mineral products have snail-paced and weakened the country's incentive program to the mining industry's development and sustenance as a major export industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct that the export tax and premium duty reimposed by Executive Order No. 581 dated March 11, 1980, be suspended, with the exception of lumber and veneer.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 25th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 588

EXEMPTING THE PRESIDENT’S CENTER FOR SPECIAL STUDIES FROM THE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 530 RELATIVE TO POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY RATES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the President’s Center for Special Studies (PCSS) has been mandated under Executive Order No. 543 to “conduct policy research and development studies for the Office of the President” and “perform surveys and undertake programs of research and investigation on such topics as may be assigned to it by the President, or on its own initiative.”

WHEREAS, for the PCSS to carry out its objectives, there is imperative need, consistent with Letter of Instructions No. 908, to exempt the President’s Center for Special Studies from the requirements and restrictions of the Civil Service Law, laws, rules and regulations and position classification and salary standardization and Section Two Hundred Fifty-Nine of the Revised Administrative Code as the defunct Philippine Center for Advanced Studies (PCAS) was so exempted under P.D. 312 and from which the President’s Center for Special Studies has been created out of its research and policy studies group.

WHEREAS, the President is empowered by Presidential Decree No. 1416 to conduct the continuing reorganization of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby Order:

SECTION 1. – The President’s Center for Special Studies is hereby exempted from the requirements and restrictions of the Civil Service Law, laws and rules and regulations on position classification and salary standardization and Section Two Hundred Fifty-Nine of the Revised Administrative Code and the Center may continue to use the former PCAS (Philippine Center for Advanced Studies) salary scale.

SECTION 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Staff Director

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 589

**ADOPTING THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM AS THE
IMPLEMENTING FRAMEWORK OF THE FIVE-YEAR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

WHEREAS, it is the established national policy to pursue vigorously the goal of regional development as a means to achieve economic growth, social justice and an equitable distribution of income within and among regions;

WHEREAS, under PD 1, LOI 542, LOI 542-A and PD 1200, the framework for regional planning and its relationship to the national planning process has been set down and has led to the formulation, by each region, of their development plans;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to translate regional plans into concrete packages of programs and projects in the form of an investment program which systematically consolidates and integrates the development projects to be undertaken by national agencies, local government, other government regional entities and the private sector in the regions;

WHEREAS, there is need for a coherent set of guidelines for determining budgeting allocations to the various regions based on development programs and project priorities;

WHEREAS, a prototype development investment program which has been completed for the Central Visayas Region (Region VII) has provided a viable scheme in effective efficiency in resource and financial allocation as well as in promoting popular participation in the identification, selection and development of projects for implementation that have to be replicated in other regions, giving the regard to varying regional needs and circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. An investment program hereinafter referred to as the Regional Development Investment Program or RDIP shall be adopted, initially for Central Visayas (Region VII) and subsequently for all the other regions whenever appropriate and as experience warrants it, as the implementing program of the five-year regional development plan through the identification and development of programs and projects designed to substantiate the objectives and strategies of accelerating regional development.

Section 2. The RDIP shall serve as the primary basis for public sector resource allocation in the regions. Accordingly, all development activities pertaining to project development and implementation of the national government, local governments, government-owned and controlled corporations and other government development authorities in the regions shall be guided by and be consistently aligned with the RDIP subject to recent orders, rules and regulations directing the implementation of economic measures in government in the light of the international energy crisis.

Section 3. The preparation of the RDIP shall be the responsibility of the Regional Development Council. It shall be formulated in all the regions by the coordinated participation of regional offices and staffs of the various ministries with the coordinative supervision of and technical assistance of the regional offices of the National Economic and Development Authority.

Section 4. The formulation of the RDIP shall adopt the Integrated Area Development (IAD) approach to ensure complementation and coordination among programs and projects. It shall include identified, consolidated and reconciled programs and projects to be undertaken by national line agencies, local government units, government-owned and controlled corporations and other government development authorities and, to a considerable degree, those that can be directly undertaken by the private sector in a region.

Section 5. The formulation, adoption and implementation of the RDIP shall be subsumed within the existing planning, budgeting and implementing machinery in accordance with the procedures of the regional and national development planning, implementing and financial allocation process. Upon approval by the NEDA Board, the RDIP shall be subject to regular and periodic review by NEDA and the respective Regional Development Councils to keep the RDIP responsive to development changes affecting the region.

Section 6. The Minister of Economic Planning as Director-General of the NEDA shall be empowered to promulgate rules and regulations, issue circulars and orders at the national and regional levels relevant to the formulation, implementation and review processes of the RDIP in all the regions.

Section 7. This Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 17th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 590

DIRECTING THE REGIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS TO ORGANIZE THE REGIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEES FOR THE PALARONG BAGONG LIPUNAN AND REQUIRING ALL AGENCIES, OFFICES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE REGIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEES FORMED.

WHEREAS, the government recognizes the importance of developing competitive amateur sports in the country;

WHEREAS, the main thrusts of the national sports development program include the development of Filipino athletes of international caliber;

WHEREAS, the Palarong Bagong Lipunan, a national open sports competition, will be conducted annually to select the athletes to be intensively trained under the Gintong Alay Project before any athlete is sent to participate in international sports competitions such as the South East Asian Games;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that selected athletes shall come from the different regions of the country, and that all sectors in the region are represented;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1b of LOI No. 662, the Regional Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council is the highest policy-making body for an integrated physical fitness and sports development program at the regional level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

1. The Regional Physical Fitness and Sports Development Councils created under LOI No. 662 dated 11 June 1978, shall organize Regional Organizing Committees which will select and train their respective regional athletic delegations to the Palarong Bagong Lipunan.
2. All heads of regional government agencies, offices and instrumentalities, including local governments and government-owned or controlled corporations are hereby directed to actively participate and extend their fullest support to the Regional Councils in the selection and training of regional athletic delegations to the Palarong Bagong Lipunan.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 591
INSTITUTING CERTAIN CRITICAL CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR

WHEREAS, five years after the Labor Code introduced institutional innovations in the Ministry of Labor, it has now become necessary to examine its present structure as a result of new and urgent demands upon its services;

WHEREAS, in the light of objective appraisal, there is need to institute certain structural-functional changes in the Ministry of Labor to enable it to respond to its increasingly complex role in the management of social conflict, including the promotion of industrial peace, dispensation of speedy labor justice, and the provisions of just and humane labor standards as well as meaningful and gainful employment opportunities, both locally and overseas; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

Article I. Ministry of Labor and Employment

1. The Ministry of Labor, hereinafter referred to as the Ministry, is hereby renamed the Ministry of Labor and Employment.

Article II. Offices of the Ministry Proper

1. The responsibility and authority for the exercise of the powers and the discharge of the functions of the Ministry shall be vested in a Minister who shall be assisted by one Deputy Minister, unless otherwise provided for by law or directed by the President.

2. Unless otherwise herein provided, the existing services in the Ministry are retained.

Article III. Legal Service

1. A Legal Service is hereby created in the Ministry Proper which shall be primarily responsible for providing the Ministry with consultative and advisory legal services, including the interpretation of laws affecting operations of the Ministry, labor rules and regulations, assistance to the Solicitor-General in suits involving the Ministry, and the conduct of administrative investigations.

2. The Legal Division in the Administrative Service and the Labor Appeals Review Staff are abolished and their functions together with applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary are transferred to the Legal Service.

Article IV. Special Offices in the Ministry Power

1. The Rural Workers' Office, the Free Legal Assistance Office and the Population/Family Planning Office shall be under the Minister's direct supervision in the formulation and evaluation of policies and programs pertaining to the social amelioration of rural workers, the extension of free legal assistance to indigent workers and population/family planning for covered industrial establishments, respectively. Their line functions are transferred to the regional offices of the Ministry which shall likewise absorb their existing field units.

2. The Institute of Occupational Health and Safety is hereby abolished.

3. The Minister of Labor and Employment shall administer the Special Project Fund created under Presidential Decree No. 788, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1365, subject to the provisions of Section 40 of Presidential Decree No. 1177.

Article V. Abolition of the Labor Standards Commission

1. The Labor Standards Commission which is attached to the Bureau of Labor Standards is hereby abolished and its pertinent records, equipment, appropriation and such personnel as may be necessary are transferred to the Bureau of Labor Standards.

Article VI. Regional Employment and Manning Offices

1. The Regional Employment Offices of the Bureau of Employment Services and the Regional Manning Offices of the National Seamen Board are hereby abolished and their functions together with applicable appropriations, records, equipment, and such personnel as may be necessary are transferred to the regional offices of the Ministry.

2. The Bureau of Employment Services shall exercise technical and functional supervision over pertinent employment services undertaken by the regional offices.

Article VII. Regional District Offices

The Minister of Labor and Employment is hereby authorized to create such district offices as may be necessary under the appropriate Ministry regional offices, subject to the approval of the President.

Article VIII. Authority to Reorganize the Internal Structure of the Ministry

1. The Arbitration Branches, the Field Services Divisions and the Labor Relations Divisions in the regional offices are hereby abolished and their appropriations, records, equipment and such personnel as may be necessary are transferred to the appropriate units to be created. The Minister is also authorized to reorganized organizational units in the Bureau of Employment Services, Overseas Employment Development Board and National Seamen Board performing licensing, recruitment,

placement and adjudicatory functions as well as the internal structure of the Institute of Labor and Manpower Studies.

Article IX. Retirement of Labor Attachés

1. All labor attachés who have reached 60 years of age and have rendered a minimum of 15 years of service as of the date of this Executive Order are considered retired three months after effectivity of this Executive Order with full benefits under existing laws.

Article X. Implementation of Executive Order

1. The Minister of Labor and Employment shall promulgate the necessary implementing orders to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order, subject to the concurrence of the Ministry of the Budget and whenever necessary, of the Presidential Commission on Reorganization.

2. Pending the effectivity of these implementing measures, the bureaus, offices, services and other units of the Ministry shall continue to exist and function under the pertinent laws and issuances governing their creations and operations.

3. Consistent with economy, efficiency and effectiveness, the Minister of Labor and Employment may authorized any bureau or office of the Ministry to assume, on a temporary basis, certain functions of the regional office of the Ministry in the National Capital Region as provided for under this Executive Order, Presidential Decree No. 1691 and other pertinent laws: Provided, that previously the undertaking of such functions had been limited to or at the very least primarily concentrated in the National Capital Region. This reallocation of functions and authorities shall be subject to the concurrence of the Ministry of the Budget and, whenever necessary, of the Presidential Commission on Reorganization.

Article XI. Appropriation

1. The Ministry of the Budget shall make available such funds as may be adequate to meet the operational requirements of the reorganized set-up of the Ministry of Labor and Employment carried out pursuant to this Executive Order.

Article XII. Effectivity

1. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 1st day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 592
CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CELEBRATION OF
PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JUNE 12, 1980.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a national committee to take charge of the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 1980.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Minister of Education and Culture - - - - -	Chairman
The Minister of the Budget - - - - -	Vice-Chairman
The Presidential Assistant on National Minorities - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Public Works - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Labor - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of National Defense - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Local Governments and Community Development - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Tourism - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports Development - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements - - - - -	Member
The Deputy Minister of Transportation and Communication - - - - -	Member
The Officer-in-Charge, Ministry of Public Information - - - - -	Member
The Vice-Governor of the Metro-Manila Commission - - - - -	Member
The Mayor of Manila - - - - -	Member
The Chairman of the National Historical Institute - - - - -	Member
The Director of the Southern Philippines Development Authority - - - - -	Member
The Executive Director of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women - - - - -	Member
The President of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities - - - - -	Member
The President of the Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines - - - - -	Member
The Presidential Protocol Officer - - - - -	Member-Secretary

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and for the purpose of discharging its functions, may create its sub-committees as may be necessary.

The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its duties and functions.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 593
REMOVING COPRA, COCONUT OIL, COPRA MEAL OR CAKE AND DESSICATED
COCONUT FROM THE LIST OF EXPORT PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO DUTY AS
PROVIDED FOR UNDER P.D. 1464, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 515 of P.D. No. 1464, as amended, and upon the recommendation of the National Economic Development Authority, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, direct and order, as follows:

SECTION 1. Copra, coconut oil, copra meal or cake and dessicated coconut are hereby excluded from the list of export products subject to duty as provided under Section 514 of P.D. 1464, as amended, entitled "Tariff and Customs Code of 1978".

SECTION 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MALACAÑANG, MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 594
AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE PROVIDED UNDER
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 985

WHEREAS, pursuant to the mandate of the Constitution calling for the standardization of compensation of government personnel, Presidential Decree No. 985 otherwise referred to as the “Budgetary Reform Decree on Compensation and Position Classification of 1976” was promulgated;

WHEREAS, a Salary Schedule consisting of twenty-eight salary grades has been provided under Presidential Decree No. 985 which shall be used in the standardization of compensation of national government personnel;

WHEREAS, the standardization of compensation of government personnel on the basis of the prevailing level of compensation in private industry in the country has been adopted as a national government policy;

WHEREAS, the results of the 1979 salary survey conducted by the National Government in private industry indicates a need to further increase government salaries; and

WHEREAS, there is now a need to revise the salary rates of the Salary Grade Schedule in P.D. No. 985 in view of the increases in salary rates for national government personnel based on the 1976 survey of salaries in private industry and the new minimum wage prescribed in P.D. No. 1614 effective May 1, 1979, and in anticipation of the implementation of further upward revision of national government salaries based on the results of the 1979 salary survey;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section 1. The Salary Schedule for the National Government, as provided under Section 11 of Presidential Decree No. 985, is hereby revised as follows:

THE SALARY SCHEDULE

1st step	2nd step	3rd step	4th step	5th step	6th step	7th step	8th step
P4680	P4860	P5112	P5376	P5640	P5928	P6240	P6552
5112	5376	5640	5928	6240	6552	6888	7236
5640	5928	6240	6552	6888	7236	7608	7992
6240	6552	6888	7236	7608	7992	8400	8832
6888	7236	7608	7992	8400	8832	9288	9756
7608	7992	8400	8832	9288	9756	10260	10776
8400	8832	9288	9756	10260	10776	11328	11904
9288	9756	10260	10776	11328	11904	12516	13152
10260	10776	11328	11904	12516	13152	13824	14532
11328	11904	12516	13152	13824	14532	15264	16044
12516	13152	13824	14532	15264	16044	16860	17724

1st step	2nd step	3rd step	4th step	5th step	6th step	7th step	8th step
13824	14532	15264	16044	16860	17724	18636	19584
15264	16044	16860	17724	18636	19584	20580	21624
16860	17724	18636	19584	20580	21624	22728	23892
18636	19584	20580	21624	22728	23892	25116	26388
20580	21624	22728	23892	25116	26388	27732	29148
22728	23892	25116	26388	27732	29148	30636	32196
25116	26388	27732	29148	30636	32196	33840	35568
27732	29148	30636	32196	33840	35568	37380	39288
30636	32196	33840	35568	37380	39288	41292	43392
33840	35568	37380	39288	41292	43392	45600	47928
37380	39288	41292	43392	45600	47928	50376	52944
41292	43392	45600	47928	50376	52944	55644	58476
45600	47928	50376	52944	55644	58476	61464	64596
50376	52944	55644	58476	61464	64596	67896	71364
55644	58476	61464	64596	67896	71364	75000	78828
61464	64596	67896	71364	75000	78828	82848	87072
67896	71364	75000	78828	82848	87072	91512	96180

Section 2. The Minister of the Budget shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the implementation of this Order.

Section 3. All Executive Orders, rules or regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed and or modified accordingly.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect on January 1, 1980.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of May, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 595

**TRANSFERRING THE FUNCTION OF COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT FROM THE
MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

WHEREAS, *under Letter of Implementation No. 7, the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development (MLGCD) was empowered to carry out the cooperative development program;*

WHEREAS, *under the present set-up of the MLGCD, the MLGCD undertakes a threefold function, namely local government, community development and cooperative development;*

WHEREAS, *MLGCD field personnel attend to the three functions simultaneously such that personnel are over-burdened in the discharge thereof;*

WHEREAS, *there is a pressing need to accelerate the cooperative program to ameliorate the social and economic condition of the less fortunate segments of our society who must equally enjoy the privilege of self reliance, social growth and economic independence under the New Society;*

WHEREAS, *the MLGCD does not have sufficient personnel to handle the implementation of an accelerated cooperative development program;*

WHEREAS, *the major thrust of the cooperative development program is in the agricultural sector;*

WHEREAS, *by function and responsibility, the Ministry of Agriculture is appropriate to carry out and implement the cooperative development program;*

WHEREAS, *the said Ministry has sufficient field personnel to carry out the cooperative program;*

WHEREAS, *under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. *The function of the MLGCD relative to the promotion, development and supervision of cooperatives particularly those provided under PD 175 and Letter of Implementation No. 23, are hereby transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture.*

SEC. 2. *Pursuant to the above, the Bureau of Cooperatives Development, MLGCD, shall be transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture.*

Likewise, the administration and management of the Cooperative Development Loan Fund and the Management Training and Assistance Program are transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Such transfers shall include applicable appropriations, records, property, equipment and such personnel as may be necessary.

SEC. 3. *The functions of the Regional Offices of the MLGCD relative to cooperatives development are transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture, including applicable appropriations, records, property, equipment and such personnel as may be necessary.*

SEC. 4. *The Ministry of Agriculture shall promulgate the necessary implementing details to carry out the purposes of this Executive Order with the concurrence of the Ministry of the Budget and, whenever necessary, of the Presidential Commission on Reorganization.*

SEC. 5. *All laws, orders, proclamations, rules, regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.*

SECTION 6. *This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.*

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

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RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 596
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 183 REGARDING THE CREATION OF
THE NATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there is a need for a coordinating agency that shall oversee, unify and integrate the administration and implementation of the government's food self-sufficiency program;

WHEREAS, the farmer, being the main cog in the task of food production, should be represented in the council that coordinate our national food program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend the composition of the National Food and Agriculture Council as follows:

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| 1. Ministry of Agriculture | – Minister Arturo R. Tanco, Jr.
Chairman-Coordinator |
| 2. National Grains Authority | – Jesus T. Tanchanco
Administrator |
| 3. Bureau of Plan Industry | – Domingo F. Panganiban
Director |
| 4. Bureau of Agricultural Extension | – Francisco G. Rentutar
Director |
| 5. Bureau of Soils | – Godofredo N. Alcasid
Director |
| 6. University of the Philippines at Los Baños | – Dr. Emil Q. Javier
Chancellor |
| 7. Bureau of Animal Industry | – Dr. Salvador H. Escudero, III
Director |
| 8. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources | – Felix R. Gonzales
Director |
| 9. Ministry of the Budget | – Jaime C. Laya
Minister |
| 10. Ministry of Agrarian Reform | – Conrado F. Estrella
Minister |
| 11. Agricultural Credit Administration | – Teofilo T. Azada
Administrator |

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| 12. Ministry of Local Government and Community Development | – Jose G. Roño
Minister |
| 13. Central Bank – Dept. of Rural Banks and Savings and Loans Association | – Consolacion V. Odra
Director |
| 14. Philippine National Bank | – Panfilo O. Domingo
President |
| 15. Development Bank of the Philippines | – Rafael A. Sison
Chairman |
| 16. National Irrigation Administration | – Dr. Fiorelio R. Estuar
Administrator |
| 17. Bureau of Agricultural Economics | – Jesus C. Alix
Director |
| 18. National Economic Development Authority | – Dr. Gerardo P. Sicat
Director-General |
| 19. Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association | – Maning B. Rotea, Sr.
President |
| 20. Federation of Agrarian and Industrial Toiling Hands, Inc./HUKBALAHAP Veterans Association, | – Luis M. Taruc
President |
| 21. Federation of Farmers Association of the Philippines | – Ben V. Bautista, Sr.
President |
| 22. Federation of Free Farmers | – Jerry U. Montemayor
President |
| 23. Federation of Land Reform Farmers | – Ben Andraneda
President |
| 24. Katipunan ng mga Magsasaka sa Pilipinas | – Nellie V. Chavez
President |
| 25. Pambansang Katipunan ng mga Samahang Nayon ng Pilipinas | – Ambong Lumibao
President |

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(SGD.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(SGD.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Senior Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 597
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 592 DATED MAY 3, 1980, CREATING A
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CELEBRATION OF
PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JUNE 12, 1980.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby amend Executive Order No. 592 dated May 3, 1980, by including the Commissioner on Islamic Affairs as Member of the National Committee to take charge of the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 1980.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 598
CREATING A COMBINED ECONOMIC REPORTING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to enhance our international relations with other nations in order to accelerate the growth of our economy; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the above policy it is necessary to create a combined economic reporting committee which shall provide reliable, timely and comprehensive information and assessments relevant to Philippine International Economic Policy divisions and negotiations, with the President's Center for Special Studies as the coordinating Secretariat and Data Bank;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a committee known as the Combined Economic Reporting Committee to be composed of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Energy, Trade and Finance, with the President's Center for Special Studies as the coordinating Secretariat and Data Bank.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 599
CREATING THE PHILIPPINE HOST COMMITTEE FOR THE 1980 WORLD TOURISM
CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION

Whereas, the Philippine Government during the Second General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization in Torremolinos, Malaga, Spain offered to host the World Tourism Conference in Manila on 27 September – 10 October 1980, which offer was accepted and approved by the General Assembly per Resolution/41/II of said Assembly;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government attaches great importance to the Conference which will consider vital questions regarding the true nature of tourism in the human, social, cultural, economic, and political context of present-day national and international society and identify its role in individual and group relations within countries and between nations;

WHEREAS, it is extremely important that such session of considerable magnitude and significance be efficiently organized and that all governmental and non-governmental agencies concerned should cooperate to ensure its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order and establish the Philippine Host Committee that will take charge of the preparations for the Conference to the end that the session can bring the desired results to the country and to the international community.

Philippine Host Committee

The First Lady and Metro Manila Governor, Madame Imelda R. Marcos, shall act as the Honorary Chairperson of the Philippine Host Committee with the Minister of Tourism as Overall Chairman assisted by two (2) Vice-Chairman, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Manuel Collantes and Deputy Minister of Tourism, Gregorio Araneta II; and further assisted by a Board of Advisers composed of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of the Budget, Minister of Information, Minister of National Defense, Commissioner of Customs, Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation; Commanding General, Presidential Security Command; Governor, Central Bank of the Philippines; President, Philippine Air Lines, and the President, Tourism Organization of the Philippines.

The Over-all Chairman of the Philippine Host Committee is hereby empowered to create other Committees as may be necessary, and to request any agency of the Philippine Government to assist in ensuring the success of the Conference.

The Budget Commission is hereby directed to release to the Ministry of Tourism the amount of P7.5 million for the financial commitments and operational requirements of the Philippine Host Committee for the World Tourism Conference from the International Commitment Funds as programmed in the General Appropriations Act for Calendar Year 1980.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 600
CREATING A MANAGEMENT COORDINATING BOARD TO COORDINATE, OVERSEE
AND MONITOR THE THIRD URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government seeks to answer the perennial problems on shelter, infrastructure, livelihood and sanitation besetting the residents of the Metropolitan Manila Area;

WHEREAS, as a solution to these problems, the government had negotiated and recently, concluded with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) a loan package agreement to finance priority development projects known as “The Third Urban Development Project”;

WHEREAS, the Project, consisting of six (6) major program components, namely: 1) The Zonal Improvement Program (ZIP); 2) the Metro Manila Infrastructure, Utilities and Engineering Project (MMINUTE); 3) Sites and Services; 4) Solid Waste Improvement Program (SWIP); 5) Livelihood; and 6) Technical Assistance, are to be implemented by various government agencies and instrumentalities;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a central coordinating body which shall oversee, monitor and coordinate the activities of various agencies responsible for the implementation of said programs in order that they may be executed in accordance with the conditions/procedures prescribed in the negotiated loan document and also, aligned with the over-all national development plans and priorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. – Creation of the Management Coordinating Board. – The Management Coordinating Board hereinafter referred to as the “Board” is hereby created under the auspices of the Metropolitan Manila Commission;

SEC. 2. – Organization. – The Board shall be composed of the following representatives of the participating agencies/instrumentalities:

The Governor and The Vice Governor	– Metropolitan Manila Commission
The General Manager	– National Housing Authority
The Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration	– Ministry of Human Settlements
The Assistant Minister for Planning and Administration	– Ministry of Public Works
The Director General	– Technology Resource Center
The Assistant Minister	– Ministry of the Budget
The Assistant Minister	– Ministry of Finance
Assistant Director General	– National Economic and Development Authority

The Governor of Metropolitan Manila shall act as the Chairman/Over-all Coordinator of the Board. In her absence, the Vice Governor shall act in her stead.

SEC. 3. Functions of the Board. – The Board shall act as the central coordinating body in the implementation of the Third Urban Development Project. As such, it shall assist and coordinate the activities of the various agencies/instrumentalities principally responsible for the formulation and execution of the basic needs, employment, shelter and other related programs.

More specifically, it will undertake a periodic review of the work progress of the programs being implemented by the various involved agencies to ensure that they are executed in a timely and well-synchronized manner; probe forum for the evaluation of policy issues and constraints common to the involved agencies; review and consolidate annual and three-year budgets prepared by the agencies in terms of scale, phasing, funding requirements, compatibility between related programs and consistency with the over-all objectives of the Project and the Capital Investment Folio (CIF) for Metro Manila.

SEC. 4. The Technical Secretariat. – The Technical Secretariat shall be composed of the Assistant for Finance/Planning, Metropolitan Manila Commission, the Head, Central Monitoring Unit, Office of the Vice Governor, MMC; and the heads of the program offices of the different participating lead agencies.

SEC. 5. Functions of the Technical Secretariat. – The Technical Secretariat shall provide administrative and technical support to the Board by providing a forum for discussion and resolution of technical issues arising from the operations of the implementing agencies; prepare reports particularly on such matters as may be required by the Board and/or the agencies.

For purposes of monitoring the financial and physical progress of the project, it shall establish administrative and financial working unit and operate an accounting and monitoring system.

SEC. 6. Powers. – In order to discharge effectively the functions appertaining to the Board and also ensure timely completion of the programs involved, the Governor, or in her absence the Vice Governor, as Board Chairman/Over-all Coordinator, and the heads of the participating lead agencies such as the Ministry of Human Settlements, National Housing Authority, Ministry of Public Works, Metropolitan Manila Commission and Technology Resource Center shall, insofar as their respective programs are concerned, be authorized to:

a) Hire/appoint/assign necessary staff personnel and consultants on detail/contractual/casual basis. Appointments/Hiring of staff personnel/consultants shall be subject to the requirements and restrictions of the Civil Service Law and the policies, rules and regulations on position classification and salary standardization.

b) Authorize reimbursement of transportation/representation and other expenses and/or honoraria to each staff/detailed personnel but not exceeding ₱1,000 per month, subject to auditing and accounting requirements.

c) Call on assistance of concerned national and local agencies and units.

d) Secure the cooperation of the Ministries of Economic Planning (NEDA), Budget and Finance in the preparation of the budget program and the provision of necessary funds.

e) Issue the detailed implementing rules, regulations and policies for the effective implementation of the programs.

SEC. 7. Appropriation. – The Board shall have an annual appropriation of Five Million Pesos starting CY 1980 chargeable against the Foreign Assisted Projects Support Fund or from any other funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Additional fund requirements shall be

obtained from contributions/donations by MMC and other government corporations involved in the project.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. – Any provision of existing laws, rules, regulations or issuances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. – This Order shall take effect upon approval.

Done in the City of Manila this 14th day of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 601
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING
CENTER, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is essential for the decision-making process of government that comprehensive and timely information on the development efforts of government be made available at all times;

WHEREAS, for lack of a unified and centralized monitoring, this information is not generally available;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, order and direct the following:

Section 1. Presidential Program Implementation Monitoring Center. There is hereby created a Presidential Program Implementation Monitoring Center within the Presidential Management Staff, Office of the President. The center shall be headed by a Director. The powers and functions are:

- a. Provide the centralized feedback mechanism on the implementation of all projects of government.
- b. Identify bottleneck areas, issues and potential sources of delays and recommend the solutions and remedial measures thereto.
- c. Maintain a data bank and Operations Center on the progress and status of project implementation.
- d. Establish the necessary linkages with all ministries, bureaus, agencies and other government instrumentalities on the local and national levels to enable the free flow of communication regarding the government's development efforts.
- e. Coordinate with and require the different line-agencies to submit regular reports on their plans, programs, and targets activities, status of projects and implementation strategies.
- f. Draw up the implementing guidelines, organizational structure and staffing pattern, and management information system necessary or incidental to the attainment of the purposes of this Order.

Section 2. Appropriation. The Minister of the Budget is hereby directed to release the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) out of the the appropriation for Special Activities Fund, Current Operating Expenditures, or from any applicable appropriations thereunder, as shall be necessary for the organizational and operational expenses of the Center during Calendar Year 1980. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the annual operation of the Center shall be included in the budget of the Presidential Management Staff.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 602

**TRANSFERRING THE METALS INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER
FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO THE MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY, RECONSTITUTING ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Metals Industry Research and Development Center was created under Republic Act No. 4724, as amended, to assist in the development and expansion of the metals industry;

WHEREAS, the Metals, Engineering, and Allied Industries Sub-sector has been designated as a high-priority area under the Five-Year Philippine Development Plan, hence, the rapid and systematic growth of this sector of the economy is considered critical to the overall development program of the country;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1, as amended, provides that the Metals Industry Research and Development Center shall be attached to the National Science Development Board for policy and program coordination;

WHEREAS, there is now the need to reorient the program thrust of the Metals Industry Research and Development Center from research and development to direct assistance to the metals industry to enhance, among others, the transfer of technology into the metals and allied industries as well as the provision of its services to industrial establishments;

WHEREAS, to enable the Metals Industry Research and Development Center to fully and effectively provide such assistance and establish direct linkage with the metals industry sector, it must be organizationally located within the Ministry of Industry which is primarily responsible for the promotion and development of industries in the country;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order;

SECTION 1. The Metals Industry Research and Development Center, hereinafter to be referred to as the Center, shall be transferred from the National Science Development Board and attached to the Ministry of Industry for policy and program coordination and direction.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees of the Center is hereby reconstituted and shall be composed of the Minister of Industry as Chairman, with a representative each from the National Science Development Board, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the National Economic and Development Authority, and three representatives from the metals, engineering and allied industries sub-sector to be appointed by the Minister of Industry, as members. The appointive members shall serve for a term of three years; provided, that, of the first three members appointed, one shall serve for three years, one for two years and one for one year, respectively.

SEC. 3. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall appoint, with the approval of the Board, the Executive Director of the Center.

SEC. 4. The Board is hereby authorized to reorganize the internal structure of the Center and to provide to its officers and personnel such incentives as may be necessary, in consultation with the Ministry of the Budget and the Presidential Commission on Reorganization.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, administrative orders proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE

Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 603

**CREATING A LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, VESTING THE SAME WITH AUTHORITY
TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) PROJECT
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

WHEREAS, the economic growth, stability and security of the Nation require an efficient, adequate, economical, safe, convenient, and dependable transportation system that shall truly be responsive to the demands of the populace consistent with the total scope of metropolitan needs;

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Manila, as the premier metropolis of the country, requires an efficient mass transportation system which can provide its people with safe, fast and reliable mobility;

WHEREAS, a Metropolitan Manila transportation, land use and development planning study was conducted to guide transportation investments and operations, and such study indicates that a light rail transit system is recommended, among others, to alleviate the worsening traffic and transportation situation in Metropolitan Manila, within the context of a rational land use pattern;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to provide an organizational structure that will oversee the effective implementation of the light rail transit project, including the construction and operation thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order the creation and organization of a Light Rail Transit Authority.

ARTICLE 1

**DECLARATION OF POLICY AND CREATION OF
THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

SEC. 1. - Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to promote, encourage, and protect the mutual intermodal and intramodal complementation, cooperation, and synchronization of the common carrier services in the most practicable, expeditious, and organized manner with maximum safety, utility, service, and cost effectiveness, as goals for both the public who avail of these facilities and the investors/operators who provide the transportation services; to foster sound economic conditions within the transportation industry and among the several modes and common carriers, in order that a healthy, dynamic, and strong private sector can meet the transportation requirements of the Nation, among others, and in the pursuit thereof, the government and the private sector shall interact effectively by performing functions and pursuing priorities for which each is best suited and, at the same time, reinforcing and complementing each other.

SEC. 2. Creation of Authority - To carry out the foregoing transportation policy, there is hereby created a corporate body to be known as the LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, hereinafter called the "AUTHORITY", which shall be primarily responsible for the construction, operation, maintenance, and/or lease of light rail transit systems in the Philippines, giving due regard to the reasonable requirements of the public transportation system of the country. The principal office of the Authority shall be in the Metropolitan Manila Area, but it may establish branches and agencies elsewhere within

the Philippines, as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its business and the discharge of its functions. The Authority shall be attached to the Ministry of Transportation & Communications.

The Authority shall conduct its business, according to prudent commercial principles and shall ensure, as far as possible, that its revenues for any given year are, at least sufficient to meet its expenditures. Any excess of revenues over expenditure in any fiscal year may be applied by the Authority in any way consistent with this Order, including such provisions for the renewal of capital assets and the repayment of loans, as the Authority may consider prudent.

SEC. 3. Board of Directors. - The powers and functions of the Authority shall be vested in and exercised by the Board of Directors composed of the Minister of Human Settlements as Chairman; Minister of Transportation & Communications as Vice Chairman; the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Economic Planning, the Minister of Public Highways, the Minister of the Budget, the Chairman of the Board of Transportation, and the Administrator of the Authority, as ex-officio members; and one (1) representative from the private sector to be appointed by the President. The appointed director shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

The officials next in rank to, or such officials duly designated by, the regular members shall serve as alternate members, except that, in the absence of the Chairman, the Board shall elect a temporary presiding officer. The alternate members shall attend meetings of the Board and committees assigned to them by their principals and receive the corresponding per diems, whenever their principals are absent or said positions are vacant.

The Chairman and each Member of the Board shall receive a monthly commutable representation allowance of ONE THOUSAND (₱1,000.00) PESOS and a per diem of TWO HUNDRED (₱200.00) PESOS for every meeting of the Board actually attended: Provided, That the total amount of per diems which each may receive shall not exceed ONE THOUSAND (₱1,000.00) PESOS a month.

ARTICLE 2

CORPORATE POWERS

SEC. 4. General Powers. - The Authority, through the Board of Directors, may undertake such action as are expedient for or conducive to the attainment of the purposes and objectives of the Authority, or of any purpose reasonably incidental to or consequential upon any of these purposes. As such, the Authority shall have the following general powers:

- (1) To have continuous succession under its corporate name, until otherwise provided by law;
- (2) To prescribe, amend, and/or repeal its by-laws;
- (3) To adopt and use a seal and alter it at its pleasure;
- (4) To sue and be sued;
- (5) To contract any obligation or enter into, assign or accept the assignment of, and vary or rescind any agreement, contract of obligation necessary or incidental to the proper management of the Authority;
- (6) To borrow funds from any source, private or public, foreign or domestic, and to issue bonds and other evidence of indebtedness, the payment of which shall be guaranteed by the National Government, subject to pertinent borrowing law;
- (7) To acquire, receive, take, and hold by bequest, devise, gift, purchase or lease, either absolutely or in trust for any of its purposes, from foreign and domestic sources, any asset, grant or property, real or personal, subject to such limitations as are provided in existing laws; to convey or dispose of such

assets, grants, or properties, movable and immovable; and invest and/or reinvest such proceeds and deal with and expand its assets and income in such a manner as will best promote its objectives;

- (8) To improve, develop or alter any property held by it;
- (9) To carry on any business, either alone or in partnership with any other person or persons;
- (10) To employ an agent or contractor to perform such things as the Authority may perform;
- (11) To exercise the right of eminent domain, whenever the Authority deems it necessary for the attainment of its objectives;
- (12) To prescribe rules and regulations in the conduct of its general business as well as to fix and implement the terms and conditions of its related activities;
- (13) To determine the fares payable by persons travelling on the light rail system, in consultation with the Board of Transportation;
- (14) To establish, operate, and maintain branches or field offices when required by the exigencies of its business;
- (15) To determine its organizational structure and the number, positions and salaries of its personnel, subject to pertinent organization and compensation law; and
- (16) To exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be necessary to carry out the business and purposes for which the Authority was established or which, from time to time, may be declared by the Board of Directors to be necessary, useful, incidental or auxiliary to accomplish such purposes; and generally, to exercise all powers of an Authority under the Corporation Law that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, or with orders pertaining to government corporate budgeting, organization, borrowing, or compensation.

SEC. 5. Specific Powers. - The Board shall have the following specific powers:

- (1) To provide comprehensive policy guidance for the development, operation, and promotion of a light rail transit system as provided for in this Order;
 - (2) To formulate a comprehensive and practicable plan/program for the early completion of an LRT system in Metropolitan Manila; to employ the necessary consultancy services therefor and to organize, and employ personnel for a Project Management Office that will supervise the construction of the said Metropolitan Manila LRT system;
 - (3) To borrow or otherwise raise money and charge all or any part of its properties as security therefor;
 - (4) To create and issue bonds, notes or other securities which may be charged on the property, undertaking and/or revenue of the Authority or any part thereof;
 - (5) To invest any funds of the Authority available for investment;
 - (6) To cooperate, coordinate, and exchange such information, studies, and reports with, and to seek the cooperation of other agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government including government-owned or controlled corporations, as will be most effectively conducive to the achievement of the purposes of this Order;
 - (7) To provide managerial or administrative expertise including the rendering of professional and training services for the development of the staff and employees of the Authority;
 - (8) To issue orders, not inconsistent with this Order, negotiating the work and conduct of its personnel;
 - (9) To appoint, discipline, and remove personnel of the Authority in accordance with laws;
 - (10) To recommend to the President, through the National Economic and Development Authority, the establishment of light rail transit systems, where feasible, in other parts of the country;
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(11) To report annually to the President of the Philippines on the status of its operations and finances, not later than three (3) months after the year end; and

(12) To perform such acts as are proper and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Authority.

ARTICLE 3 BORROWING AUTHORITY

SEC. 6. Domestic Indebtedness. - Whenever the Board deems it necessary for the Authority to incur indebtedness by contracting loans with domestic financial institutions or to issue bonds to carry out the purpose for which the Authority has been organized, it shall, by resolution, so declare and state the purpose for which the proposed debt is to be incurred and such terms and conditions as it shall deem appropriate for the accomplishment of the said purpose; Provided, That in the case of bond issues, the same shall be subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Minister of Finance.

The bonds issued under the authority of this section shall be exempt from the payment of all taxes by the Republic of the Philippines, or by any authority, branch, division or political subdivision thereof, which parts shall be stated upon the face of said bonds.

A sinking fund shall be established by the Authority in such manner that the total annual contribution thereto, accrued at such rate of interest as may be determined by the Minister of Finance in consultation with the Monetary Board, shall be sufficient to redeem at maturity the bonds issued under this section. The sinking fund shall be under the custody of the Central Bank of the Philippines, which shall invest the same, subject to the approval of the Board and the Minister of Finance in consultation with the Monetary Board: Provided, That the proceeds thereof shall accrue to the Authority.

The Republic of the Philippines hereby guarantees the payment by the Authority of both the principal and the interest of the bonds or other evidences of indebtedness and shall pay such principal and interest, in case the Authority fails to do so. Provided, That the sums so paid by the Republic of the Philippines shall be refunded by the Authority; and Provided further, That the Authority, to assure such refunding, shall establish reserves or sinking funds and comply with such other restrictions and conditions as the Minister of Finance may prescribe and establish for that purpose.

SEC. 7. Foreign Loans. - The Authority is hereby authorized to contract loans, credits or indebtedness in any convertible foreign currency or capital goods, from foreign governments or any international financial institutions or fund source, or to issue bonds, the total outstanding amount of which, exclusive of interests, shall not exceed \$300 million or the equivalent thereof in other currencies, on such terms and conditions as it shall deem appropriate for the accomplishment of its purposes and to enter into and execute agreements and other documents specifying such terms and conditions.

The President of the Philippines, by himself, or through his duly authorized representative, is hereby authorized to negotiate and contract with foreign governments or any international financial institutions or fund sources, in the name and on behalf of the Authority, for the accomplishment of its purposes.

The President of the Philippines, by himself, or through his duly authorized representative, is hereby further authorized to guarantee, absolutely and unconditionally as primary obligor and not as surety merely, in the name and on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines, the payment of the loans credits, indebtedness and bonds issued up to the amount herein authorized, which shall be over and above the amount which the President of the Philippines is authorized to guarantee under Republic Act Numbered Forty-Eight Hundred Sixty, as amended, as well as the performance of all or any of the obligations undertaken by the Authority in the territory of the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to

Loan Agreements entered into with foreign governments or any international financial institutions or fund sources.

Any loan, credit, indebtedness contracted by the Authority and the payment of the principal, interest and other charges thereon, as well as the importation of machinery, equipment, materials, supplies, and services paid from the proceeds of any such loan, credit or indebtedness shall be exempt from all direct and indirect taxes, customs duties, fees, imposts, other charges and restrictions, including import restrictions, previously and presently imposed and to be imposed by the Republic of the Philippines, or any of its agencies and political subdivisions.

ARTICLE 4 TAX AND DUTY EXEMPTIONS

SEC. 8. Equipment, Machineries, Spare Parts and Other Accessories and Materials. - The importation of equipment, machineries, spare parts, accessories, and other materials, including supplies and services, used directly in the operations of the Light Rail Transit System, not obtainable locally on favorable terms, out of any funds of the Authority including, as stated in Section 7 above, proceeds from foreign loans, credits or indebtedness, shall, likewise, be exempted from all direct and indirect taxes, customs duties, fees, imposts, tariff duties, compensating taxes, wharfage fees and other charges and restrictions, the provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

ARTICLE 5 ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

SEC. 9. Management. - The management of the Authority shall be headed by an Administrator, who shall be assisted by two (2) Deputy Administrators. The LRT Administrator and Deputy Administrators shall be citizens of the Philippines, at least thirty-five (35) years old on the date of their appointments, of good moral character or recognized executive ability and competence, with adequate training in either transport planning, management and economics, finance, law, public utility or other transport related aspects. They shall be appointed by the President.

SEC. 10. Powers and Duties of the Administrator. The Administrator shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To implement, enforce, and apply the policies, programs, plans, standards, guidelines, procedures, decisions, rules and regulations issued, prescribed, or adopted by the Board;
- (2) To undertake studies, investigations, and other activities related to the operations, on his own initiative or upon instructions of the Board, and to submit comprehensive reports and appropriate recommendations to the Board for its information and action;
- (3) To undertake studies for present and future requirements of development of the LRT project expansion, in consultation with appropriate agencies;
- (4) To manage the affairs of the Authority, subject to the provisions of this Order and applicable laws, orders, rules and regulations;
- (5) With the approval of the Board, to determine the staffing pattern and the number of personnel of the Authority and to define their functions and duties;
- (6) To regularly inspect the LRT facilities and operations and recommend measures to maintain a high standard of safe, fast and reliable service;

(7) To establish and maintain, in coordination with the appropriate government offices and agencies a regular and prompt information system regarding traffic flows, LRT operations, finance and other related data;

(8) With the approval of the Board, to delegate such functions and duties to the Deputy Administrators or other ranking officials of the Authority for the efficient administration and management thereof;

(9) To perform such other duties as the Board may assign and such acts as may be necessary and proper to implement this Order.

SEC. 11. Supplies and Services Other Than Personnel. All purchase of supplies or contracts for services, except for personal services, entered into by the Authority, shall be done through competitive public bidding: Provided, That bidding shall not be required when an emergency, as certified by the Administrator, requires immediate delivery of the supplies or performance of the services, and the aggregate amount involved in any one purchase of supplies or procurement of services does not exceed Ten Thousand Pesos, in which case, such purchase or procurement may be made in the usual course of business: Provided, further, That the Authority's emergency purchase of supplies and services shall not exceed the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos for any one month: Provided, finally, That in comparing bids and in making awards, the Authority shall consider such factors as the cost and relative quality and adaptability of supplies or services; the bidder's financial responsibility, skill, experience, integrity, and ability to furnish repairs and maintenance services; the time of delivery or performance offered; and the bidder's compliance with the specifications desired.

SEC. 12. Departments of the Authority. - The Authority shall establish and maintain such departments as it may deem necessary for the proper and efficient transaction and/or operation of its business. The powers and duties of the departments shall be determined by the Board: Provided, That the office of the Chief Legal Counsel of the Authority, which shall be separate and distinct from and independent of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, shall advise and represent the Authority in all legal matters, procedures and actions.

SEC. 13. The Auditor. - The Chairman of the Commission on Audit shall appoint a representative who shall be the auditor of the Authority. He shall likewise appoint the necessary personnel to assist said representative in the performance of his duties. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Authority, the salaries of the Auditor and his staff shall be fixed by the Chairman of the Commission on Audit. Salaries and other expenses for the auditor's office shall be paid by the Authority. The Auditor of the Authority and personnel under him may be removed only by the Chairman of the Commission on Audit.

SEC. 14. Authority to Administer Oath. - The Chairman of the Board, the Administrator, the Deputy Administrators, and the Chief Legal Counsel of the Authority shall have the power to administer oaths in connection with the transaction of official business.

ARTICLE 6

CAPITALIZATION & FINANCING

SEC. 15. Capitalization. - The Authority shall have an authorized capital of FIVE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (₱500,000,000.00) which shall be fully subscribed by the Republic of the Philippines and other government institutions, corporations, instrumentalities, and agencies, whether national or local, within the framework of their respective charters. The authorized capital shall be used for the purpose of financing the Authority's business transactions and shall be paid as follows:

(1) The sum of TWO HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (₱200,000,000.00) to be taken from the general fund in the National Treasury out of appropriations available for the purpose.

(2) The balance of the authorized capital amounting to THREE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (₱300,000,000.00) shall be released from the National Treasury out of appropriations available for the purpose, or subscribed and paid by government institutions as may be authorized pursuant to this Section, with the approval of the President.

SEC. 16. Initial Debt. - The Authority shall be indebted to the Government, or any of its ministries, bureaus, agencies or offices, in a sum equal to all expenditures, directly or indirectly advanced or incurred by the Government or any of its ministries, bureaus, agencies or offices, in relation to the investigation, planning and/or construction of the light rail transit system. The Minister of Finance shall, upon prior notice, determine the accuracy and reasonableness of such advances or indebtedness.

ARTICLE 7 PENALTIES

SEC. 17. Penalties. - Any person who wilfully or maliciously gives false or misleading data or information, or conceals or falsifies a material fact, in any investigation, inquiry or hearing, or other proceedings held by the Board or the Authority or any one duly acting in their behalf, shall be dealt with according to the pertinent provisions of existing penal laws.

ARTICLE 8 FINAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 18. Repealing and Separability Clauses. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, policies, programs or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

If for any reason, any section or provisions of this Order is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof, which are not affected hereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

SEC. 19. Effectivity. - This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 531 - 605]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 604

**RECONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENTS AND
GAMING CORPORATION, CREATED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1067-A.**

WHEREAS, the majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Amusements and Gaming Corporation (“PAGCOR”) have heretofore been ex officio directors holding office as such by virtue of their respective position in other government offices;

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable that the composition of the Board of PAGCOR should be flexible in order that the appointment of directors may be made in accordance with their respective capability and areas of concern; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as he may deem appropriate for the efficient conduct of government functions, services and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Composition of Board of PAGCOR. - The Board of Directors of PAGCOR shall be composed of five (5) members, the Chairman of which shall come from the government sector. Any provision of the charter of PAGCOR, or of any other decree, statute or order to the contrary notwithstanding, the Chairman and the other members of the Board shall be such persons as the President may, in his discretion, appoint from time to time.

SECTION 2. Transitory Provision. - The incumbent directors of PAGCOR shall continue to hold their office as such until their respective successors shall have been duly appointed and qualified.

SEC. 3. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 605
IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, CREATING
FOR THIS PURPOSE THE REGIONAL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, it is the established policy of the Government to promote regional development to achieve economic growth, social justice and equitable distribution of income within and among regions;

WHEREAS, intermediate and smaller cities and their needs for infrastructure and industry have, in the past, been neglected as a focus of national policy and there are striking disparities in the provision of economic and social infrastructure in different urban areas;

WHEREAS, the role of the principal regional cities is easily discernable and removing bottlenecks to economic development in these cities will significantly help stimulate growth in each sub-region affected and will induce development of a regional urban hierarchy;

WHEREAS, there is presently being undertaken the identification of initial priority areas and preparation of plans for such areas for inclusion in the proposed Regional Cities Development Project, with technical assistance being provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create the organization to implement the aforementioned Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Establishment of Project. The Regional Cities Development Project, hereinafter referred to as the Project, is hereby declared as a project of the national government with the following objectives:

- a) Identify and prepare investment programs in basic infrastructure of selected regional cities to remove bottlenecks to economic development and employment potential;
- b) Improve urban management in the areas of planning, budgeting and finance, maintenance of public investments, and delivery of essential services; and
- c) Provide basic sanitation and shelter particularly to low-income groups.

SECTION 2. Creation of the Regional Cities Development Project Office. To achieve the above objectives, there is hereby created a Regional Cities Development Project Office, hereinafter referred to as the Project Office, which shall be attached to the National Economic and Development Authority and under the supervision of the Project Steering Committee mentioned under Section 3 hereof, through its Chairman. The Project Office shall identify the cities that will eventually be covered under the Project and shall prepare the corresponding development strategies in accordance with the Project's objectives. Other areas to be covered under the Project shall also be identified by the Project Office in accordance with a system of priority established for that purpose.

The Project Office shall have its principal office in Manila but field offices may be established in every Project city.

SECTION 3. Project Steering Committee. There is hereby created a Project Steering Committee, attached to the National Economic and Development Authority, which shall serve as the policy-making and governing body of the Project. The Project Steering Committee shall be composed of senior officials from the National Economic and Development Authority, as Chairman, the Ministry of Human Settlements, the Ministry of Public Works, the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development and the Ministry of Industry, as members.

The Project Steering Committee shall deliberate and agree on policies regarding designs, planning guidelines, standards, budgeting and programming of funds, priorities, scale and magnitude of estimated project investments, areas/sites of investments, etc., insofar as these will affect agencies' respective national and regional development programs and the national and socio-economic programs in general.

SECTION 4. Project Director. The Project Office shall be headed by a Project Director who shall be appointed by the National Economic and Development Authority and who shall report directly to the Project Steering Committee for policy guidance. The annual compensation and allowances of the Project Director shall be fixed by the Project Steering Committee.

The Project Director shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) Develop/formulate projects for the regional cities.
- b) Propose/consolidate city program budgets relative to the project.
- c) Serve as liaison officer between cities/projects and national agencies of government.
- d) Assist in the selection of consultancy services for the project as well as for the National Industrial Estates Project.
- e) Recommend the appointment of the City Project Managers.
- f) In general, serve as administrative/management officer for the project and perform such functions inherently necessary to the accomplishment of the project.

SECTION 5. Contractual Personnel. Subject to the prior approval of the Project Steering Committee, the Project Director may engage on contractual basis or other arrangements for temporary services and fix the compensation of highly qualified professionals, expert technical advisers and/or consultants.

SECTION 6. Role of Government Agencies. The Project Office is hereby authorized to call upon any ministry, government-owned and-controlled corporation, or instrumentality of the government for any assistance that may be required to ensure the accomplishment of its tasks. The Project Steering Committee shall take necessary steps to obtain the assistance and cooperation of the private sector.

SECTION 7. Detail of Personnel. The Project Director, through the Project Steering Committee, may call on the services of technical experts and professionals from all branches of government as it may need in the conduct of its activities. For this purpose the Project Steering Committee is hereby authorized to reimburse detailed personnel of actual representation and/or transportation expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as such rates as may be approved by the Project Steering Committee, subject to applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 8. Appropriations. To carry out the provisions of this Order, an operating fund for Project Office and the Field Offices in the amount of TWO MILLION PESOS (₱2, 000, 000. 00) is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the Foreign-Assisted Projects Support Fund or from any other funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. For the succeeding fiscal years, until

its termination, the budgetary requirements shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act of the Government in such amounts as shall be adequate for the purpose.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Senior Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 606
FURTHER EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS CREATED UNDER
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 464, SERIES OF 1976

WHEREAS, the report on the study of the government corporate sector being undertaken pursuant to Executive Order No. 464, as amended, is in the process of finalization, both at the macro and micro levels;

WHEREAS, there is need to update data and information on individual government corporations particularly with respect to new corporations that have since been created; and

WHEREAS, there is need to extend the term of the Presidential Committee to Study Government Corporations to enable it to convene and pass upon the report prior to submission to the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Presidential Committee to Study Government Corporations (PCSGC) is hereby extended effective July 1, 1980 up to December 31, 1980. It is directed that the Committee submit its report to the President on or before said date.

SEC. 2. The operating expenses to be incurred for undertaking the corporation study for the period July 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980 shall be taken from funds as shall be made available to the Presidential Commission on Reorganization.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 607

CREATING A PHILIPPINE COUNTERPART COMMISSION TO THE HAWAIIAN COMMISSION FOR THE OBSERVANCE AND COMMEMORATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST FILIPINO IMMIGRANTS IN HAWAII, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the year 1981 will be the 75th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipino immigrants in Hawaii;

WHEREAS, “in recognition of this highly-significant event in the history of modern-day Hawaii,” the Honorable George R. Ariyoshi, Governor of the State of Hawaii, U.S.A., has created and named a 15-man Commission” to plan, organize and implement” the observance of this historic event;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Hawaii has officially requested the participation of the Philippine Government in the observance of “this milestone in Hawaii’s history”.

NOW THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President/Prime Minister of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and applicable laws, do hereby create a Philippine Counterpart Commission to the Hawaiian Commission for the observance of this memorable occasion, which shall be composed of the following:

A. Members from the Government Sector:

1. The Minister of Human Settlements Honorary Chairman
2. The Minister of Tourism and Chairman of the Philippine
Tourism Authority or his duly authorized representative. Chairman
3. The Minister of Labor or his duly authorized representative. . . . Co-Chairman
4. The Minister of Trade or his duly authorized representative Member
5. The Governor of the Central Bank or his duly authorized
representative. Member
6. The Minister of Public Information or his duly authorized
representative. Member
7. The President of the Philippine Air Lines or his duly authorized
representative. Member
8. The Minister of Education and Culture or his duly authorized
representative. Member
9. The President of the Philippine National Bank or his duly
authorized representative. Member
10. The Director of the National Museum or his duly authorized
representative. Member
11. The Chairman, Presidential Committee on Special Studies Member

B. Members from the Private Sector:

1. The President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce Member
2. The President of the Philippine-American Chamber of
Commerce Member
3. The President of the Rotary Club of the Philippines Member
4. The President of the Lions Club of the Philippines Member
5. The President of the Philippine Jaycees Member
6. Mr. Teodoro F. Valencia Member
7. The Executive Director, Cultural Center of the Philippines Member
8. The President of the Tourism Organization of the Philippines. Member
9. The President of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of the
Philippines Member

The Commission shall formulate and prepare plans for and supervise the Philippine participation in the observance and commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Filipino immigrants in Hawaii; it shall synchronize the overall planning and programming of all activities and resources in connection therewith collaborate and coordinate with and assist its Hawaiian counterpart in all aspects in the Planning, organizing and implementation of all preparations leading to a successful observance and commemoration of said event; and shall perform such other functions and exercise such powers as are reasonably connected with or incidental to its existence.

The Commission shall establish a Secretariat in the City of Manila but it may conduct its business and have one or more offices in such places in the Philippines or Hawaii as may be necessary for the attainment of its objectives.

The Secretariat shall serve as the implementing arm of the Commission.

The Commission may create such committees as may be necessary to carry out its functions and is hereby further authorized to directly call upon any Ministry, bureau or public office in the executive branch of the government or upon any government-owned or controlled entity or agency for assistance as it may consider proper and to request, utilize, and make use of their facilities and services of their personnel for the efficient performance of its functions. Personnel from government agencies detailed with the Commission, including those who may be on consultancy basis from the private sector, may be paid such reasonable allowances or honoraria approved by the Office of the President/Prime Minister.

The Office of the President/Prime Minister shall include and provide from its budgetary appropriations the necessary funds for the operation and maintenance of the Commission. Special releases of funds in connection with the Commission's functions which cannot be funded by regular appropriations is hereby authorized. To augment these funds, the Commission is hereby authorized to solicit in whatever manner it deems fit, and accept and receive sums of money, materials and services in the form of grant-in-aid, subsidies, and contributions given by any international, national or other public or private entity, agency or individual. All contributions given by any private entity, agency or individual shall be tax deductible. Likewise, all funds solicited by or voluntary contributions coming into or received by the Commission shall be tax exempt.

The Commission may draw from available budgetary appropriation of any Ministry, bureau, agency or public office in the executive branch of the government or any government-owned or controlled entity or instrumentality, and the entity concerned shall make available to the Commission such funds and other assistance as the latter may require to carry out its functions.

All funds solicited by or voluntary contributions coming into or received by the Commission shall be deposited with the Philippine National Bank in the name of the Commission and the necessary withdrawals therefrom shall be made only by checks duly signed by the Chairman and counter-signed by the Auditor. The Chairman may, however, delegate this function to the Vice-Chairman in order to expedite the transaction of the business of the Commission.

All books of accounts kept in connection with the operation and maintenance of the Commission shall always be made available for audit by the Auditor designated by the Commission on Audit.

The Commission shall prescribe and promulgate such policies and guidelines it may consider proper for the effective exercise of its functions and the discharge of its powers under this Executive Order.

The Commission shall submit to the President/Prime Minister a progress report of its activities every three (3) months and shall wind-up its affairs not later than three (3) months after December 31, 1981. A final report of its accomplishment shall be submitted to the President/Prime Minister not later than one (1) month thereafter.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 30th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President/Prime Minister:

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 608
REORGANIZING THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

WHEREAS, there is need to further improve the organization of the Bureau of Internal Revenue in order to make it more responsive to the requirements of efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the administration and implementation of internal revenue and other tax laws;

WHEREAS, in order to attain the foregoing objective, it is necessary to establish a more effective delegation and distribution of supervisory jurisdictions in the Bureau; integrate its planning and policy functions; vest in the Commissioner the authority to relocate organizational units for closer and more effective supervision, eliminate overlapping or duplication of functions, clarify functional lines of authority, and integrate allied functions in the Bureau; and relieve the Commissioner of minor supervisory details to enable him to concentrate more on major policy and decision-making activities; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order the following:

SECTION 1. There shall be two Deputy Commissioners in the Bureau of Internal Revenue who shall assist the Commissioner in the exercise of supervision and control over the subordinate units of the Bureau. Each Deputy Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of ₱50,292.00. The two Assistant Commissioner positions in the Bureau are hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue may delegate his supervisory jurisdiction over such subordinate units of the Bureau as he may determine to his two deputies in such manner as will promote efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the direction and supervision of the operations and activities of said units: Provided, however, That the delegated supervisory jurisdiction of either Deputy shall not be confined to purely staff or administrative operations.

SEC. 3. As the exigencies of the service may require, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue may, within the limits of budgetary appropriations, relocate organizational units from one supervisory authority to another, eliminate overlapping or duplication of functions, clarify functional lines of authority, and integrate similar or allied functions in the Bureau.

SEC. 4. (a) The Bureau of Internal Revenue shall have the existing Financial and Management Service; Administrative Service, hereby renamed Personnel and Administrative Service; Data Processing Center, Inspection Service; Assessment Service, hereby renamed National Assessment Office; Specific Tax Service, hereby renamed Specific Tax Office; Legal Service, hereby renamed Legal Office; Collection Service, hereby renamed Collection Office; and a Planning and Policy Service and a Sector Operations Office which are hereby created.

(b) A service, office or center shall be headed by a Revenue Service Chief.

SEC. 5. (a) The Planning and Policy Service shall perform the following functions:

(1) Undertake the formulation of plans including project development for the Bureau in coordination with its various units; and serve as its representative in the formulation of internal revenue and other tax laws administered by the Bureau as well as in the preparation of the national development plan to ensure consistency with overall development objectives;

(2) Provide assistance to the Commissioner in the formulation of tax policies and guidelines, as well as proposed internal revenue tax legislations for submission either to the President or to the Batasang Pambansa;

(3) Study and prepare comments and recommendations on proposed tax legislations referred to the Commission for comment;

(4) Monitor and prepare comments and recommendations on any proposed tax legislative measure that will affect internal revenue collection and administration or which may have tax implications even if it is not referred to the BIR for comment;

(5) Prepare and recommend the adoption of such rules and regulations required to implement approved internal revenue and other tax laws administered by the Bureau;

(6) Study and recommend amendments to the National Internal Revenue Code;

(7) Conduct research, studies and recommend special projects that can improve tax law enforcement and administration;

(8) Assist in the formulation of policies and programs, guidelines, standards and procedures relating to tax treaty negotiations, tax conventions and similar matters; and

(9) Perform such other related functions as the Commissioner may assign;

(b) For purposes of tax policy planning and research coordination, the Planning and Policy Service shall coordinate with the National Tax Research Center of the National Economic and Development Authority in undertaking tax policy planning and research and in the preparation of proposed tax legislations.

SEC. 6. (a) The Sector Operations Office shall perform the following functions:

(1) Development policies and work programs and set-up guidelines, procedures and techniques relating to the package audit system of assessment and investigation of industries or firms dealing in the following areas, namely:

- a. agricultural products and natural resources;
- b. financing, real estate, subdivisions, and transfer of properties;
- c. manufacturing industries; and
- d. public utilities, educational and religious institutions, and motion pictures.

(2) Undertake on a selective basis field audits of tax returns and investigate books of accounts of firms on the above category for the purpose of upgrading expertise in the fields of assessment, audit and investigation; and

(3) Perform such other related functions as the Commissioner may assign.

(b) In order to upgrade and maximize the package audit scheme of investigation by sector or line of industry, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue may expand, delimit or otherwise reclassify the sectoral areas within the functional jurisdiction of the Sector Operations Office above enumerated.

SEC. 7. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall readjust the geographical jurisdictions of the revenue regional offices, together with the revenue district offices under them, in such a manner that no one revenue region shall geographically cover more than one standard administrative region defined in the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended: Provided, however, that for purposes of regional consultation and coordination with other regional offices and the local units in the standard administrative region, the Commissioner shall designate the regional representative of the Bureau who shall speak for the standard administrative region concerned.

SEC. 8. Such amounts as may be necessary to implement this Executive Order are hereby appropriated from funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 9. All laws, decrees, other issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 1st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.

Presidential Assistant

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 609
MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS
PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex “A” hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, shall pay the rates of import duty indicated opposite each article.

SEC. 2. The articles specifically listed in Annex “B” hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, shall pay the rates of import duty to be applied by stages in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed in the aforementioned Annex “B”: Provided, That the rate of duty indicated in the last stage shall continue to be levied, imposed and collected in the succeeding years until otherwise duly modified.

SEC. 3. After the expiration of thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Order, all the above-described articles listed in Annex “A” hereof entered or withdrawn from warehouse, in the Philippines, for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed.

SEC. 4. On and after 1 January 1981, all the above-described articles listed in Annex “B” hereof entered or withdrawn from warehouse, in the Philippines, for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed.

SEC. 5. The amendments provided for under Presidential Decree No. 1500 to tariff heading No. 85.15 and Executive Order No. 557 series of 1979 to Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, otherwise known as the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978, and all rules and regulations issued in pursuance thereof are hereby repealed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

References: Annexes A and B

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 610

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MARGINS OF TARIFF PREFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARTICLES NEGOTIATED DURING THE FIFTH AND SIXTH MEETINGS OF THE TRADE PREFERENCES NEGOTIATING GROUP AND THE TENTH MEETING OF THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 402 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annexes “A” and “B” hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, shall be accorded the margins of tariff preference as specified in Column 4 of said Annexes “A” and “B” hereof. In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN indicated in Column 5 of said Annexes “A” and “B”.

SECTION 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the above-mentioned articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding margins of preference indicated in Column 4 of Annexes “A” and “B”.

SECTION 3. On and after 1 April 1980, all the above articles listed in Annex “A” hereof entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed taking into consideration the qualification under the Rules of Origin as provided in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SECTION 4. On and after 22 July 1980, all the above described articles listed in Annex “B” hereof entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed taking into consideration the qualification under the Rules of Origin as provided in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on 1 August 1977.

DONE IN THE CITY OF MANILA, this 1st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Senior Presidential Assistant

References: Annexes A and B

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 611
CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL REORGANIZATION.

WHEREAS, justice and its efficient dispensation is the primordial concern of Government;

WHEREAS, to improve judicial services, it has become imperative to reorganize the Judiciary and thereby best serve the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President and Prime Minister of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Presidential Committee which shall formulate a plan on the reorganization of the Judiciary, to be composed of Chief Justice Enrique M. Fernando as Chairman, and Minister of Justice Ricardo C. Puno as Co-Chairman, with the following as members:

Justice Ramon C. Aquino
Justice Ameurfina A. Melencio-Herrera
Justice Felix Q. Antonio, and
Deputy Minister of Justice Jesus N. Borromeo.

The Chairman, the Co-Chairman and the members of the Committee shall serve without remuneration, and their positions shall be purely honorary in character.

The Commission shall, within thirty (30) days from the issuance hereof, submit to the President and Prime Minister a reorganization plan for the entire Judiciary which shall embrace all lower courts, including the Court of Appeals, the Courts of First Instance, the city and municipal courts, and all special courts, but excluding the Sandiganbayan.

The reorganization plan thus submitted shall be made the basis for appropriate legislation for the judicial reorganization herein mentioned.

In the performance of its functions, the Presidential Committee shall be assisted by the respective staffs of the Chairman and the Co-Chairman.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Senior Presidential Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 612
CREATING MARITIME ATTACHE POSTS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the Philippine government to promote, expand and modernize the Philippine merchant fleet;

WHEREAS, in the overseas shipping sector, the competitiveness of the national fleet as well as the training and welfare of Filipino seamen abroad dictate the need for readily accessible and available government assistance.

WHEREAS, the creation of maritime posts in the principal shipping centers of the world would greatly provide such needed assistance; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Creation of Maritime Attaché Posts. - There is hereby created under the Maritime Industry Authority Maritime Attaché Positions which will serve in diplomatic missions or consular offices abroad. They shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 708, as amended, upon the recommendation of the Administrator of the Maritime Industry Authority.

SEC. 2. Functions. - The Maritime Attaché shall have the following functions:

a. Provide advice and assistance to the Maritime Industry Authority and other relevant government agencies regarding vital shipping policies, development and legislations in other countries.

b. Represent the Maritime Industry Authority and other government agencies which may request to be so represented in international conventions and/or conferences concerning maritime matters, and assist appropriate higher authorities in the formulation of Philippine positions in such conventions or conferences.

c. Advise and assist the Maritime Industry Authority and other relevant government agencies in the negotiation of bilateral maritime agreements.

d. Coordinate, evaluate and recommend to the Maritime Industry Authority technical assistance on maritime training.

e. Advise and assist the Maritime Industry Authority in the determination of reasonable price and charter hire levels and other technical information for the evaluation of ship acquisitions and/or chartering.

f. Act as the implementing arm of the Freight Booking and Cargo Consolidation Center of the Philippine Shippers Council in the issuance of waivers for the sea transport of exports and imports covered under P.D. No. 1466 by Philippine Flag vessels when such vessels are not available and/or on the basis of other exempting conditions provided in said decree.

g. Act as the designated agent of the Philippine Coast Guard in the endorsement and registration of preferred ship mortgages under and pursuant to P.D. No. 1521.

h. Act as the deputized agent of the Philippine Coast Guard in the performance of vessel registration, licensing and documentation of ocean-going vessels and collection of the necessary fees therefor. For this purpose, he shall coordinate with the Philippine Coast Guard-nominated international classification societies in the issuance of the necessary SOLAS Certificate.

i. Advise and assist, whenever requested and in coordination with the labor attaché, the National Seamen Board in the provision of seamen welfare services abroad.

j. Advise and assist, in coordination with and upon request by the Professional Regulation Commission in the holding of professional examinations for marine officers abroad.

k. Advise and assist, in coordination with and upon request by the Central Bank, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Board of Investments, the Bureau of Customs, and other relevant government agencies in the valuation of vessel acquisition.

l. Submit monthly reports of activities undertaken by him to the Maritime Industry Authority.

m. Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions and interest of this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. Organization and Funding. - The Administrator of the Maritime Industry shall coordinate with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Ministry of Trade, the Board of Investments, the Central Bank of the Philippines, the Bureau of Customs, the Philippine Coast Guard, and the National Seamen Board, and other relevant government agencies in the formulation of implementing guidelines of this Order. He shall propose the staffing pattern and compensation for the various maritime attaché positions, which shall be considered pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1285 and other pertinent organization and compensation laws. The Minister of the Budget is hereby directed to provide funds for the purpose during Calendar Years 1980 and 1981. For the succeeding fiscal year and every year thereafter said positions shall be included in the regular annual appropriations.

SEC. 4. Authority to Designate Maritime Attachés from Other Pertinent Government Entities. - In the interest of the service and upon proper arrangement, the Authority may recommend the designation of maritime attachés from personnel of other pertinent government entities such as the Philippine Coast Guard under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 15th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 613
TRANSFERRING THE PHILIPPINE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION TO THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1206, creating the Department (now Ministry) of Energy, transferred the Philippine Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) from the Office of the President to the Ministry;

WHEREAS, under the said decree, both PAEC which is the licensing agency for the use and operation of atomic energy facilities and materials and the National Power Corporation which operates the Bataan nuclear power plant are under the Ministry, a situation which should not be allowed to insure objectivity and effectiveness in nuclear power regulation and licensing operations;

WHEREAS, considering further the highly strategic and critical importance of the regulatory functions of PAEC relative to the licensing and regulation of atomic energy facilities and materials and the use thereof to safeguard public health and safety, there is need to insure closer and more effective supervision of such functions by placing PAEC directly under the supervision and control of the Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The Philippine Atomic Energy Commission is hereby transferred from the Ministry of Energy and placed under the supervision and control of the Office of the President. This transfer shall include applicable funds and appropriations, records, equipment, property, facilities and personnel.

SEC. 2. The Philippine Atomic Energy Commission shall, among its functions, be responsible for the promulgation and implementation of standards and guidelines for safeguarding public health and safety in the operation and use of atomic energy facilities, materials and processes. Any regulatory functions which the Ministry of Energy exercises in this area shall be transferred to the Philippine Atomic Energy Commission.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, other issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 15th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:
(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 614
CREATING A NATIONAL WAGES COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there is growing awareness on the part of labor, management and government that wage determination and wage fixing is a vital integral component of a national wage and income policy;

WHEREAS, experience and policy now make it evident that the highly complex and technical process of wage determination and wage fixing should be carried out on a continuous basis in accordance with the imperatives of social and economic development;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to strengthen the capability and competence of the Wage Commission by creating a new tripartite agency of government in which the foregoing process can be institutionalized;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

ARTICLE 1. There is hereby created a NATIONAL WAGES COUNCIL attached to the Office of the President, hereinafter referred to as Council.

ARTICLE 2. The Council shall have the following functions:

- a) To act as the national consultative and advisory body to the President/Prime Minister of the Philippines on matters relating to wages.
- b) To act as the wage-determining body to recommend to the President/Prime Minister of the Philippines the issuance of wage orders establishing the national, regional, or industry minimum wages to be paid by employers.
- c) To conduct a continuing study of wage rates in various agricultural and non-agricultural industries all over the country for the purpose of ascertaining whether these are adequate to ensure a decent living wage for the workers and their families and the continued viability of business and industry.
- d) To collect and/or compile, analyze and periodically disseminate information, as a continuing activity essential to the effective exercise of its wage-determining function, including but not limited to employment, wages, hours and other conditions of work by locality, industry and occupation; wage practices, cost-of-living, family incomes and expenditures, production costs, labor productivity, investments and returns and such other general economic indicators and non-economic data necessary for the accomplishment of its functions.

- e) To receive, process and act on applications for exemption from statutory wage and allowance increases and other benefits granted to workers, from individual firms and/or industries on the ground of actual or potential loss.

ARTICLE 3. The minimum wage, whether national, regional or industry wage, to be established and recommended by the Council shall be as nearly adequate as is economically feasible to maintain the minimum standards of living necessary for the health, efficiency and general well-being of the employees within the framework of the national economic and social development program. In the determination of a minimum wage, the Council shall consider among other things, the following:

- a) the needs of workers and their families
- b) the general level of wages in the country
- c) the cost-of-living and changes therein
- d) fair return of investments
- e) the viability of the industry
- f) social security benefits
- g) economic factors, including the requirements of economic development, levels of productivity and the desirability of attaining and maintaining a high level of employment.

ARTICLE 4. In conducting a continuing study of wage rates and other economic conditions in any industry or branch thereof, the Council may call the assistance of industry, trade and agricultural chambers or associations, trade union centers, schools of economics, consumers' groups, government and private agencies and other parties to furnish information in aid of its objectives.

ARTICLE 5. No wage order issued on recommendation by the Council shall be construed to prevent workers in particular firms, enterprises or industries from bargaining for higher wages with their respective employers.

ARTICLE 6. No injunction may be issued by any court to restrain any proceeding of or before the Council.

ARTICLE 7. The Council shall be composed of the Minister of Labor and Employment as Chairman, the Minister of Economic Planning as Vice-Chairman, and the Minister of Industry, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Finance, Minister of Trade, the Governor of the Central Bank, the Executive Director of the Council and two (2) representatives each of workers and employers who shall be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Minister of Labor and Employment and each of whom shall serve for a term of three years, as members. The Government representatives in the Council may designate their deputies in case they cannot attend the meeting of the Council.

ARTICLE 8. The Council shall have a Secretariat headed by an Executive Director who shall be assisted by a Deputy Director, both of whom shall be career administrators appointed by the President of the Philippines on recommendation of the Minister of Labor and Employment. The Secretariat shall be under the administrative supervision of the Minister of Labor and Employment, as chairman of the Council.

ARTICLE 9. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to organize such units and inter-agency committees and appoint the personnel as may be necessary, subject to pertinent organization and compensation law and the confirmation of the Council.

ARTICLE 10. The Council shall determine the qualification of the Executive Director, the Deputy Director and the technical and clerical personnel consistent with the existing rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission.

ARTICLE 11. The Wage Commission in the Ministry of Labor is hereby abolished and all its personnel, equipment, records and appropriation for the current year (1980) and the coming year (1981) shall be transferred to the Council. There shall be no diminution of salary and rank of the present officials and employees of the Wage Commission. The incumbent Chairman and Commissioner of the Wage Commission shall be the first Executive Director and Deputy Director of the Council, respectively.

ARTICLE 12. The Council is hereby authorized to issue appropriate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Order.

ARTICLE 13. This Decree shall take effect immediately.

DONE IN THE CITY OF MANILA, Republic of the Philippines, this 18th day of August, in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 615
CREATING A NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the goal of raising the living standard of the Filipino workingman and enhancing the viability and competitiveness of Filipino enterprise urgently requires major improvements in national productivity as the key to rising real wages and national economic competitiveness vis-a-vis the whole world;

WHEREAS, it is now essential that the Government launch a national productivity movement that will fully utilize the initiative, participation and cooperation of labor and management; particularly in the industrial sector;

WHEREAS, there is need to gain a better knowledge of the close relationship between productivity and wages and other economic factors and their effects on industrial and agricultural development and the national economy;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create an agency to actualize a continuing system of research and program development, to initiate actions thereon, and to recognize performance in the field of productivity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The National Productivity Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, is hereby created and attached to the National Economic Development Authority.

SECTION 2. The Commission shall have the following functions:

- a) To mobilize labor-management cooperation into a national productivity movement;
- b) To undertake a continuous study of the factors that affect productivity and determine the nature and extent of their influence on productivity development;
- c) To formulate policies and programs to increase productivity and to implement standardized productivity improvement programs for industry;
- d) To undertake and disseminate researches and studies for the effective development of programs and scheme on productivity improvements;
- e) To assist employers and workers to have a better understanding of the close relationship between productivity and wages and other economic factors and their effects to particular industries.

SEC. 3. In implementing its functions, the Commission may call upon the assistance of any government or private entity. Particularly, it shall establish the close coordination with the National Wages Council, the Ministry of Labor and Employment, the Ministry of Industry, and the Ministry of Agriculture.

SEC. 4. The Commission shall be composed of the Minister of Labor and Employment and the Minister of Industry as Co-Chairmen, with the Minister of Economic Planning, Minister of Agriculture,

President of the Development Academy of the Philippines and two representatives each from workers and employers organizations who shall be appointed by the President to serve a term of three years, upon recommendation of the Cp-Chairmen as members. The Government representatives in the Commission may designate their deputies in case they cannot attend the meeting of the Commission.

SEC. 5. The Commission shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be headed by an Executive Director who shall be its chief operating officer.

SEC. 6. Upon the recommendation of the Commission, the President shall appoint an Executive Director. The Commission shall prescribe the qualifications of the Executive Director.

SEC. 7. The Chairman of the Commission shall appoint the personnel necessary to perform its functions and to determine their qualifications and compensations, subject to pertinent civil service, compensation and budgetary laws.

SEC. 8. The Minister of the Budget shall immediately make available such funds as may be adequate to meet the operational requirements of the Commission for calendar year 1980. Beginning with calendar year 1981, an appropriate yearly fund allotment to the Commission shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. The Commission shall issue the appropriate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 10. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 18th day of August, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 616
CREATING A NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH
THE NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF THE PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN THE
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS IN 1981.

WHEREAS, it is an established policy of the Philippine Government to facilitate the speedy rehabilitation of disabled persons for the purpose of minimizing economic loss or injury to their families, to themselves, and to the Nation;

WHEREAS, on the above premise, the Philippines is in full accord with the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the International Year of Disabled Persons adopted at its thirty first session on December 16, 1976;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 1996 dated Aug. 21, 1980 directs the Filipino people to observe and participate in the International Year of Disabled Persons in 1981; and

WHEREAS, it is of importance that the observance of said International Year of Disabled Persons be efficiently organized, planned, coordinated and implemented and that all agencies, governmental and non-governmental, should cooperate with one another to ensure its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the National Steering Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons in 1981, composed of as follows:

Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos
Honorary Chairman

Mrs. Julita C. Benedicto
Chairman

Members:

Minister of Human Settlements
Minister of the Budget
Minister of Public Works
Minister of Local Governments
Minister of Education and Culture
Minister of Labor and Employment
Minister of Health
Minister of Social Services and Development
Minister of Public Information
Ambassador Leandro Vercelles
Atty. Perfecto Fernandez
Dr. Antonio Periquet
Hon. Ulbert Tugung

The National Steering Committee is hereby directed to prepare the guidelines and national blueprint for the observance of the International Year of Disabled Persons in accordance with the National Rehabilitation Plan formulated by the National Commission Concerning Disabled Persons, which is hereby designated as the lead agency responsible for coordinating programs and activities for the year.

The Committee is also hereby authorized to call upon any ministry, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its functions.

The Ministry of the Budget shall allocate such amount as may be necessary as determined and recommended by the Committee.

The Committee shall submit its report to the President as soon as possible.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JACOBO C. CLAVE**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 617
TRANSFERRING ALL THE SOYBEAN SEED BANK PROJECTS TO THE
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Government, recognizing the potentials of soybean in its over-all Food Self-Sufficiency Program, has declared a national program for the nationwide commercial production of soybean pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Proclamation No. 1632, LOI Nos. 747 and 747-A;

WHEREAS, the Government, after successfully identifying soybean varieties with the highest yields, is now ready to go into commercial production of Certified Pure Seeds for dispersal on a national level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. - The supervision, direction, administration and control of all Soybean Seed Bank Farms to be established in the various regions of the country and including the pilot project in the Mindoro Agro-Forest Development Reservation, originally attended to, administered and supervised by the Ministry of Natural Resources, being a component activity of the National Soybean Development Program, is hereby transferred to the National Development Company, a wholly owned and controlled government corporation.

SECTION 2. - The transfer of such authority and supervision from the Ministry of Natural Resources to the National Development Company shall also include the transfer of all the assets, whether fixed or variable, i.e. land and improvements thereon including facilities, equipment, supplies and inventories that have been purchased, leased or in any manner acquired by the Ministry of Natural Resources for this specific project, together with the balance of any funds previously disbursed and allocated to the Ministry of Natural Resources for this Special Project. These shall form part of the equity investment of the Government in the National Development Company.

SECTION 3. - To insure an immediate and orderly transfer as hereby provided and ordered, the Ministry of Natural Resources shall submit to the National Development Company, a detailed inventory list of all kinds of assets, fixed or variable, and all other pertinent data and information in respect to the status and progress of the Soybean Seed Bank Farm development and other information concerning such project, and shall conduct through its residents COA auditor an audit examination of the funds of the Soybean Seed Bank Farm in the Mindoro Agro-Forest Development Reservation within thirty (30) days from date hereof, preparatory to the formal transfer of the project to the National Development Company. Its audit findings and report duly certified by the auditor shall be submitted to, and formally accepted by, the National Development Company.

SECTION 4. - The National Development Company is hereby authorized, subject to the President's approval, to enter into such contracts with the private sector, as it may deem necessary for the purpose of administering, managing and developing the Soybean Seed Bank Farm, including the dispersal, gathering, marketing and production of the foundation seeds.

SECTION 5. - The Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Agriculture and all other bureaus and agencies of the Ministries, including such other governmental agencies specified in LOI

747 and 747-A and such other governmental agencies whose functions are related to this project, are hereby directed to provide and give full support and assistance to accelerate realization of intended objectives.

SECTION 6. - The Ministry of the Budget is hereby directed to provide, in the annual appropriations to the National Development Company, the annual funding requirements for its project until such time as its income generated from such project can support all the operating requirements of the project.

All appropriations or funds authorized under the 1981 budgetary appropriations under the Ministry of Natural Resources for the project shall be transferred and allocated to the National Development Company.

SECTION 7. - All Decrees, Letters of Instructions or Implementation, Circulars, Orders, Rules and Regulations or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

DONE IN THE CITY OF MANILA, this 21st day of August, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President and Prime Minister
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 618
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDERS NOS. 541 AND 553 CONVERTING THE COMMITTEE TO
GATHER THE MEMORABILIA OF THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE FRED RUIZ CASTRO
INTO A COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Executive Orders No. 541, and 553 created a Committee to gather the memorabilia of the late Chief Justice Fred Ruiz Castro;

WHEREAS, in order to perform its functions more effectively, there is a need to convert such Committee into a Commission, with additional powers and responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President and Prime Minister of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby direct and order as follows:

SEC. 1. The Committee created under Executive Orders Nos. 541 and 553 is hereby converted into a Commission, to be known as the Chief Justice Fred Ruiz Castro Memorabilia Commission, without any change in the membership and composition thereof.

SEC. 2. The Commission shall retain the functions and powers granted to its predecessor Committee, and its members shall continue to serve without compensation.

SEC. 3. The Commission is authorized for the purpose of financing its activities to solicit and accept grants or donations from private individuals and entities as well as government agencies and instrumentalities. Such funds shall be independently accounted for by the Commission. The Commission is further empowered to manage, invest, deposit or otherwise deal with its funds in a manner it deems best.

The Commission shall have such other functions and powers as may be incidental to or necessary in carrying out the purpose for which it was created.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect upon its promulgation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of September, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 619
DESIGNATING CHIEF REGIONAL ACTION OFFICERS AND REGIONAL ACTION OFFICER
FOR BASIC NEEDS AND SERVICES FOR REGIONS IX, X, XI, AND XII

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to hasten the normalization and development of Southern Philippines, or Region IX, Region X, Region XI, and Region XII;

WHEREAS, the prompt delivery of the eleven (11) basic needs of shelter, health/medical service, education, sports and recreation, ecological balance, mobility, water, power, food, economic base/livelihood, and clothing enumerated by the Ministry of Human Settlements (MHS); and the fulfillment of the six (6) basic services for tanod, disaster, youth, volunteer, and ladies, auxiliary listed by the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development (MLGCD) are vital for the achievement of these objectives of the government in Southern Philippines;

WHEREAS, the delivery and fulfillment of these basic services and needs require the designation of action officers for each in the barangay, municipal, city, provincial, regional, and national levels;

WHEREAS, institutional and fund supports are likewise needed to insure the speedy and effective implementation and supervision of the various projects and activities which shall be undertaken along these basic services and needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

1. Appointment of Action Officers

1.1 The Minister of Human Settlements shall appoint, in coordination with the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development (MLGCD), one (1) National Action Officer (NAO) for each of the seventeen (17) basic services and needs herein enumerated; one (1) Chief Regional Action Officer (C, RAO) for each of the four regions in Southern Philippines; and the seventeen (17) Regional Action Officers (RAO's) corresponding to these same basic services and needs for each of Region IX, Region X, Region XI, and Region XII;

1.2 The Chief Regional Action Officer for each region shall in turn designate, subject to the confirmation by the Minister of Human Settlements, one (1) Action Officer for each of these basic services and needs in the provincial or city, municipal, and barangay levels, together with a Chief Provincial/City Action Officer, a Chief Municipal Action Officer, and a Chief Barangay Action Officer in every province, city, municipality, and barangay in his region or area of responsibility.

2. Functions and Responsibilities

2.1 The Action Officers designated in the national, regional, provincial, municipal, and barangay levels shall be under the Minister of Human Settlements as the National Coordinator.

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- 2.2 The National Action Officers, Chief Regional Action Officers, Chief Provincial/City Action Officers, Chief Municipal Action Officers, and Chief Barangay Action Officers shall be mainly responsible for the coordination and supervision of the delivery and fulfillment of the basic services and needs herein enumerated in their respective/assigned regions or areas of responsibility by the designated action officers thereat.
- 2.3 The designated Action Officers for each of the basic needs and services herein identified for the national, regional/city municipal, and barangay levels shall each be responsible for the identification of the problems, proposals for the appropriate management actions therefor, and coordination with appropriate agencies or offices, in their respective levels and areas of responsibility.
- 2.4 In addition to the above-enumerated functions and responsibilities, the following guidelines for the activities of the designated Action Officers are also hereby prescribed for all levels:
- (a) holding of meetings at least twice a month;
 - (b) coordination as a group/action planners with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) in the national level; the Regional Development Councils (RDC's) in the regional level; and the appropriate agency/office for development plan formulation in the city/provincial, municipal, and barangay levels;
 - (c) establishment of priorities in the national, regional, city/provincial, municipal, and barangay development plans;
 - (d) implementation of specific programs and projects;
 - (e) conduct of surveys of needs, requirements and problems in their respective levels and propose solution therefor for consideration by the appropriate officials/offices in the different levels;
 - (f) monitoring and submission of feedbacks and consolidated barangay, municipal, city/provincial, regional and national monthly reports; and
 - (g) performance of other functions and responsibilities as directed by the President and/or the Minister of Human Settlements.

3. Organization

- 3.1 The Office of the Regional Action Officers for the Basic Needs and Services for Regions IX, X, XI, and XII, which shall be directly under the Presidential Committee on the Rehabilitation and Development of Southern Philippines (PCRDSP-PMO 697) under the overall administrative setup of the Ministry of Human Settlements, is hereby created.
- 3.2 A Coordinating Center for Southern Philippines based in Metro Manila and Regional Centers for Basic Needs and Services in Regions IX, X, XI, and XII, the plans and operating guidelines for the fund, organizational, and manpower requirements for which shall be prepared by the PCRDSP-PMO 697 Secretariat in coordination with the Ministry of Human Settlements (MHS), the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development (MLGCD), and the Presidential Management Staff (PMS), for approval by the Minister of Human Settlements/National Coordinator not later than fifteen (15) working days after the issuance of this Executive Order.
- 3.3 Pending the full operationalization of the Coordinating Center for Southern Philippines and the Regional Centers for Basic Needs and Services as herein prescribed, the PCRDSP-
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PMO 697 Secretariat and Regional Committees in Regions IX, X, XI, and XII are hereby tasked to provide administrative and monitoring supports to the designated Chief Regional Action Officers and Regional Action Officers.

4. Funds

- 4.1 For purposes of planning, organization, coordination, and administrative support, the total amount of Ten Million Pesos (P10M) is hereby released from the Special Activities Fund of the Office of the President for the current fiscal year (CY 1980), provided, that pending the regular allocation of funds for the same purposes, the same amount shall be released next year, CY 1981.
- 4.2 The Ministry of the Budget is hereby directed to immediately release the funds hereby appropriated.
- 4.3 This special fund and all funds appropriated thereafter for the purpose as herein stated shall be administered by the Ministry of Human Settlements through the Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA).

5. Participation of Other Ministries and Offices

- 5.1 The Office, through the National Coordinator, is hereby authorized to call on all other ministries, bureaus, offices, agencies, including government owned and/or controlled corporations and local government units for support and participation in the delivery of the basic needs and services as herein prescribed.

6. Repealing Clause

- 6.1 All other Memorandum Orders, Letters of Instructions, Executive Orders and rules and regulations inconsistent with this order are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly, provided, that the monitoring work of the Presidential Regional Officers for Development (PROD) as per provisions of Letter of Instructions 36 and Letter of Instructions 36-A are retained by said officers in regions in Southern Philippines where the aforementioned Letters of Instructions have actually remained in force.

This Order takes effect immediately.

DONE IN THE CITY OF MANILA, this 2nd day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Senior Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 619-A
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 611, DATED AUGUST 7, 1980, CREATING A
PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL REORGANIZATION.

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 611 the Presidential Committee on Judicial Reorganization was given only 30 days within which to submit a plan to the President for the reorganization of the entire judiciary which was not sufficient time;

WHEREAS, to give the President options as to which plan should be followed, it is necessary that alternative plans be submitted by the Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President and Prime Minister of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Executive Order No. 611 as follows:

1. The Committee shall formulate plans on the reorganization of the Judiciary which shall be submitted within seventy (70) days from August 7, 1980 to provide the President sufficient options for the reorganization of the entire Judiciary which shall embrace all lower courts, including the Court of Appeals, the Courts of First Instance, the City and Municipal Courts, and all Special Courts, but excluding the Sandigang Bayan.

2. In the performance of its functions, the Committee may call upon any Ministry, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for assistance.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Senior Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 620
REORGANIZING PALAYAN NG BAYAN TO PAGKAIN NG BAYAN

WHEREAS, since the Palayan ng Bayan was created on August 2, 1973 under Presidential Decree No. 262 as a project of the Office of the President and the Provincial Governors, involving the development and use of virgin public lands primarily for rice and secondarily for corn and other selected foodcrops, it has successfully contributed to increased production of rice and other foodstuffs, injected substantial revenues into provincial economies, provided additional employment opportunities, and has served effectively as instrument of human settlements; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of Palayan ng Bayan integrated projects has enhanced countryside development, there is now urgent need to reorganize and rename it as “Pagkain ng Bayan” to include the production as well as the primary processing of all foodstuffs (pagkain);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority granted in me by the Constitution, do hereby reorganize Palayan ng Bayan as follows:

1. In place and instead of Palayan ng Bayan, the same is hereby changed and converted to Pagkain ng Bayan, as a continuing project of the Office of the President and the Provincial Governors as provided for in Presidential Decree No. 262, to cover in its expansion the production and primary processing of all kinds of foodstuffs (pagkain) contemplated originally in Palayan ng Bayan, as well as other food products.
2. All assets and liabilities, organization and personnel of the Palayan ng Bayan are hereby transferred to Pagkain ng Bayan.
3. City Mayors are hereby allowed to participate in the Pagkain ng Bayan program in the same way as Provincial Governors have been authorized by Presidential Decree No. 262.
4. The maximum loan per hectare for the development and cultivation of raw lands, and loans for other activities related to the attainment of the objectives of Pagkain ng Bayan, shall be determined by the National Advisory Council, depending on project requirements.
5. Crop loans and operational loans shall not exceed one year while loans for investment and capital requirements may be granted for more than one year subject to the approval of the National Advisory Council.
6. The National Advisory Council shall determine the interest rates and charges on the kinds of loans to be granted, subject to existing rates and charges authorized by the Central Bank for such loans.
7. The Minister of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to issue and sell interest-bearing bonds, debentures, or certificates of indebtedness up to ₱200 million to provide the funding of the expanded Pagkain ng Bayan program.
8. In case the province/city shall fail/default in loan repayments, the Minister of Finance, upon the request of Pagkain ng Bayan, shall withhold a certain part of the revenues due to the province/city and apply the same as payment of its obligation with the Pagkain ng Bayan,

without prejudice to the rights of Pagkain ng Bayan to enforce the personal guarantee of the Provincial Governor/City Mayor.

9. The use/cultivation of idle private lands by the Provincial Governors/City Mayors may be authorized by the National Advisory Council for Pagkain ng Bayan projects on a voluntary lease contract with the private owners, subject to restrictions to be outlined by the Council.
10. Leasing of Pagkain ng Bayan areas or a portion thereof by the provincial/city governments to private sectors shall not be allowed, and any lease contract or similar agreement entered into by the Provincial Governor/City Mayor in violation of this section shall be null and void ab initio.
11. All provisions of the law, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters of instructions, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 621
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN, SERIES OF
NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 113, series of 1955, establishes the minimum width of national roads at twenty (20) meters;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Public Highways is encountering serious problems, particularly in highly urbanized areas, in acquiring the needed lots to provide national roads which are being improved with a minimum width of twenty (20) meters, as required by Executive Order No. 113;

WHEREAS, in highly urbanized areas, both sides of the road are occupied by residential houses and commercial buildings of permanent construction;

WHEREAS, owners of these residential houses are reluctant to sell portions of their lots and/or houses to provide road right-of-way for the minimum width requirement of national roads, as specified under Executive Order No. 113, for the reason that they have no other lots to move to, not to mention the sentimental reason that in many instances these houses have been inherited from their forbears;

WHEREAS, engineers of the Ministry of Public Highways have determined that a minimum width of fifteen (15) meters for national roads (passing through highly urbanized areas) would be sufficient, provided that the design of the road would be suitably altered with closed drainage, curbs and gutters, which in many instances is more economic than expropriating high priced urban land and destroying buildings;

WHEREAS, to minimize social problems involved in dislocation of residents in highly urbanized areas to widen the national roads to conform with the minimum width requirement of 20 meters provided for in Executive Order No. 113, it is necessary to amend the existing Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order that the present provisions of Executive Order No. 113, as appearing in the last sentence of paragraph I, General Provisions, page 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“National roads shall have a right of way of not less than twenty (20) meters, provided that such minimum width may be reduced at the discretion of the Minister of Public Highways to fifteen (15) meters in highly urbanized areas, and that a right of way of at least sixty (60) meters shall be reserved for roads constructed through unpatented public land and at least one hundred twenty (120) meters reserved through naturally forested areas of aesthetic or scientific value.”

This amendment shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 622
REORGANIZATION OF NACIDA AND ITS IMMEDIATE TRANSFER
TO THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, as provided for in Executive Order No. 574, the NACIDA was transferred and attached to the Ministry of Industry for policy and program coordination;

WHEREAS, as provided for in Executive Order No. 583, the Minister of Industry was appointed Chairman of the NACIDA Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, there is a need for accelerated development of cottage industries and to provide more effective supervision over NACIDA operations and realign NACIDA with the SMI program of the government;

WHEREAS, under P.D. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational changes as may be necessary in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The Minister of Industry as Chairman of the NACIDA Board is hereby designated as Chief Executive Officer of NACIDA with full powers to restructure and reorganize NACIDA. The Chairman as Chief Executive Officer shall review, develop, supervise and direct a revitalized national cottage industries development program. The Administrator shall report to and be responsible directly to the Chairman.

SEC. 2. Executive Order 574 Section 17, Paragraph 2, is hereby amended to effect immediately the transfer of NACIDA to the Ministry of Industry, together with all its existing functions, programs, applicable appropriations, records, equipment property and personnel.

SEC. 3. The Central Bank, the DBP, the PNB and other government financial institutions are hereby directed to allocate collectively the sum of ₱800,000,000, for a loan fund for financial assistance to cottage, small and medium industries. The Minister of Industry is hereby directed to immediately develop the mechanics for implementation of this loan fund.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Senior Presidential Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 623

CONVERTING THE ILOCOS REGION FUELWOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CREATED UNDER LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 866 INTO A CORPORATION AS A SUBSIDIARY OF THE PHILIPPINE VIRGINIA TOBACCO ADMINISTRATION, REDEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Virginia tobacco industry and domestic markets are presently confronted by acute fuelwood shortage, and it is imperative that the forest resources of the areas producing said tobacco should be properly managed, conserved and developed in line with the policy of the government to tap indigenous and renewable sources of energy and promote ecological balance.

WHEREAS, Letter of Instruction, No. 866 dated May 23, 1979 directed the Philippine Virginia Tobacco Administration and the Ministry of Natural Resources to vigorously pursue the implementation of the Ilocos Region Fuelwood Development Program (IRFDP).

WHEREAS, it is imperative to strengthen the Program to improve its organizational capability to facilitate the attainment of its objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the Philippines, in order to effect the desired changes and progress in the social, economic and political structure of our Society do hereby order, direct and make as part of the law of the land, the following:

Section 1. Conversion of the IRFDP to Virginia Tobacco Fuelwood Corporation (VTOFCO). - The Ilocos Region Fuelwood Development Program created under Letter of Instructions No. 866, dated May 23, 1979 is hereby converted and reconstituted into a body corporate as a subsidiary of PVRTA to be known as the VTOFCO.

Section 2. Domicile. - The principal office of the Corporation shall be in Metro Manila but branches may hereafter be established in such places as the needs of VTOFCO may require.

Section 3. Corporate Existence. - The VTOFCO shall exist for fifty (50) years subject to extension for another fifty (50) years.

Section 4. The Board of Directors. - The powers and functions of the Corporation shall be exercised by a Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the following:

Chairman - The Chairman of the Philippine Virginia Tobacco Administration shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Board;

Vice-Chairman - The Minister of Natural Resources shall be the ex-officio Vice-Chairman of the Board;

The following shall be ex-officio members:

- a) The Provincial Governor of Abra;
- b) The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Norte;
- c) The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Sur;

- d) The Provincial Governor of La Union;
- e) The Director of the Bureau of Forest Development;
- f) The Director of the Bureau of Lands;

One (1) member to be appointed by the President who shall have a term of office of three (3) years.

Five (5) Members of the Board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 5. General Objectives. - The VTOFCO shall undertake all manner of activity, business or development projects for the establishment of a reliable fuelwood and related industries that shall include but not limited to the following objectives:

- a) Operate production and marketing activities or services to ensure adequate and continuous supply of fuelwood for the Virginia tobacco industry and domestic markets;
- b) Adopt measures vital to the growth and development of the fuelwood and related industries capable of contributing to their proper shares in the economy as a whole;
- c) Provide comprehensive direction to the public sector in the management and development of forest resources on a fully commercial scale; and
- d) Promote the adoption of effective strategies and systems to limit the indiscriminate use and destruction of the forest lands of the country.

Section 6. Specific Objectives.

- a) Directly engage in the production of fuelwood by establishing nurseries and plantations primarily in the Virginia tobacco producing areas or in such areas or other places accessible to the industry of feasible to the production of fuelwood;
- b) Undertake harvesting and/or processing operations of fuelwood products and its by-products, and to put up the necessary infrastructures and support facilities;
- c) Develop and implement a marketing program to ensure efficient distribution of fuelwood products and its by-products raised from its plantation areas;
- d) Undertake studies and encourage adoption, in the production, harvesting, processing and marketing phases, of such proven strategies and systems as to promote the fuelwood and related industries and safeguard the forest resources as renewable source of energy and for ecological reasons; and
- e) Promote policy recommendations for the management of the country's forest resources.

Section 7. General Powers. - The VTOFCO is hereby authorized to adopt and use a corporate seal which shall be judicially noticed; to make contracts, to lease or own real personal properties and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same; to sue and to be sued.

Section 8. Specific Powers. - In addition to the powers vested in the defunct Ilocos Region Fuelwood Development Program which are now vested in the corporation, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

- a) To acquire and hold such lands as may be necessary for the carrying out of the powers, functions, purposes and objectives of the Corporation within such areas and in such locations as may be determined by the Administrator and approved by the Board of Directors;
- b) To promulgate such rules and regulations as may be reasonably necessary and desirable for the attainment of the objectives of this Executive Order;

c) To enter into, make and execute contracts of any kind as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of its purposes and powers, with any person, firm or corporation, with the Government of the Philippines or with any foreign government, subject to existing laws;

d) To contract indebtedness when essential to the proper administration of its corporate affairs or when necessary for the proper transaction of its business or for carrying out the purposes of this Executive Order;

e) To create and operate and/or contract to operate such divisions, functional units, offices and departments of the Corporation as it may deem necessary or useful for the furtherance of any of the purposes of this Executive Order;

f) To enter into any lawful arrangement for sharing profits, joint ventures, union, interests, reciprocal concession or cooperation with any person, or corporation, association, partnership, syndicate or entity located in or organized under the laws of any authority in any part of the world in the carrying on of any business which the Corporation is authorized to carry on, or any business or transaction deemed necessary, convenient or incidental to the carrying on of the purposes of the Corporation;

g) To establish and maintain fuelwood plantations and to market its products and by-products thereof;

h) To undertake research in the promotion of the quality and quantity of fuelwood products and by-products;

i) To obtain funds to support or carry out its objectives and purposes and/or to invest idle funds or such funds and other income sources derived from marketing, and contributions, etc. in any authorized government depository banks and/or to arrange financing or credit, or any kind of assistance for its own account or for the account of its clients in such manner as the Board Directors of the Corporation may deem reasonable from governmental or private sources in the Philippines or elsewhere or from international public or private lending institutions, and to secure any or all of the same by any guarantee or counter-guarantee by pledge, mortgage, deed of trust or assignment of the property of the Corporation, or by creating or suffering to exist a charge, lien, or encumbrance, general or special, upon its assets, for the purposes of securing the performance by the Corporation of any obligation or liability it may undertake;

j) To accept and receive donations such as cash and cash equivalents, including but not limited to personal and real properties;

k) To do any and all such other things as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the purposes of the VTOFCO; and

l) Generally, to exercise all the powers of a corporation under the Corporation Law, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions hereof.

Section 9. Capitalization. - The authorized capital stock of the Corporation shall be ONE HUNDRED MILLION (₱100,000,000.00) PESOS, Philippine Currency, to be fully subscribed by the Philippine Virginia Tobacco Administration and paid as follows:

a) The net assets of and the appropriations for the Ilocos Region Fuelwood Development Program shall form part of the authorized capital of the Corporation;

b) The balance shall be paid by the Philippine Virginia Tobacco Administration from the Tobacco Fund entrusted with the National Treasury in such releases as may be approved by the President of the Philippines as recommended by the Minister of the Budget, provided that the Minister of the Budget

shall immediately release from the said Tobacco Fund such sum as should enable the Corporation to function effectively.

Section 10. Cash Advances. - The Central Bank of the Philippines is hereby authorized to extend to the Corporation advances and/or grant loans which may be needed for its operations.

Section 11. Powers of the Board. - In addition to the general and specific powers of VTOFCO, the Board shall exercise the following:

- a) To formulate policies, plans, projects, rules and regulations to carry out effectively the functions of the Corporation;
- b) To direct the management, operations and administration of the Corporation;
- c) To approve the budget and authorize such expenditures by the Corporation as are in the interest of the effective administration and operation of the Corporation;
- d) To establish offices and/or branch offices and create positions necessary for the efficient operation of the Corporation; fix and authorize payment of salaries, allowances, per diems, honoraria and other remunerations or emoluments of the members of the Board, Administrator, Deputy Administrator and other officers and personnel of the Corporation including personnel of other government agencies and instrumentalities who may be designated to work for the VTOFCO by detail or designation in an ex-officio or concurrent capacity;
- e) To exercise such other powers as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the Corporation was organized.

Section 12. Management. - The management of the Corporation shall be headed by an Administrator and a Deputy Administrator who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors unless sooner removed by the Board. The Administrator and the Deputy Administrator shall each receive such salary as may be determined by the Board but in no case less than SIXTY THOUSAND (₱60,000,000.00) PESOS per annum and FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND (₱52,000.00) PESOS per annum, respectively.

Section 13. Powers and Duties of the Administrator. - The Administrator shall perform the functions and duties of the Program Director of the defunct Program. In addition thereto, the Administrator shall have the following powers and duties:

- a) To prepare the agenda for meetings of the Board and to submit for the consideration of the Board proposed policies and measures which are necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions thereof;
- b) To execute and administer the policies and measures approved by the Board;
- c) To represent the Corporation in all dealings with other offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Government and with all persons and entities, public or private, domestic or foreign; and
- d) To exercise such other powers as may be vested in him by the Board.

Section 14. Coordination of Policies. - The Corporation shall coordinate its policies, plans, projects and regulations with those of the Philippine Virginia Tobacco Administration, the Ministry of Natural Resources and other agencies of the Government involved in fuelwood and the development and use thereof.

Section 15. Reorganization. - The Board is hereby authorized to recognize the administrative structure of the defunct IRFDP as established under Letter of Instructions No. 866.

Section 16. Transfer of the IRFDP Properties, Assets, Unexpended Balance and Personnel. - The IRFDP properties, assets and unexpended appropriations and necessary personnel as may be determined by the Board are hereby transferred to the VTOFCO.

Section 17. By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. - The Board may adopt a by-laws for the Corporation and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations which are not inconsistent herewith for the effective implementation of the policies and purposes of the Corporation and revise or amend the same as may be expedient.

Section 18. General Counsel. - The Office of the Government Corporate Counsel shall be the General Counsel of the Corporation. The Corporation may, however, organize its own legal department to assist management and the Board in the performance of its functions.

Section 19. The Corporation Law. - The provisions of the Corporation Law, is so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions and policies provided herein, shall be applicable to the VTOFCO.

Section 20. Repealing Clause. - LOI No. 866 and the provisions of any other Presidential Issuance, Ordinance, Rules and Regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 21. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(SGD.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 624
MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS
PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, it is one of the objectives of the Government to promote exports and provide employment, reduce the unnecessary outflow of foreign currency and to make available to the greatest number of Filipinos at the least cost, products which they need in their daily life;

WHEREAS, to meet the above objective, Executive Order 609 was promulgated on August 1, 1980;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to allow certain export enterprise registered with the Board of Investments or the Export Processing Zone Authority, which are employing a great number of Filipinos in the production of watches and other time pieces, to sell a part of their production not exceeding 20% to the local market in order to afford Filipinos a chance to purchase watches at the least and most economical price, while at the same time maintain their export capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ferdinand E. Marcos, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed below, as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464 shall pay the rates of import duty indicated opposite each article;

Tariff Heading No.	Description of Articles	Rate of Duty	
		Present	Recommended
91.07	Watch movements (including stop-watch movements), assembled:	Unified rate of [ad. val. 30%]	
	A. WHEN IMPORTED BY WATCH MANUFACTURERS WHICH ARE REGISTERED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 6135 AND/OR PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 66	AD VAL.	10%
	B. OTHER.	AD VAL.	30%
		Unified rate of	
91.08	Clock movements, assembled:	[ad. val. 30%]	

Tariff Heading No.	Description of Articles	Rate of Duty	
		Present	Recommended
	A. WHEN IMPORTED BY WATCH MANUFACTURERS WHICH ARE REGISTERED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 6135 AND/OR PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 66 AD VAL.		10%
	B. OTHER. AD VAL.		30%
	Unified rate of		
91.09	Watch cases and parts of watch cases: [ad. val. 30%]		
	A. WHEN IMPORTED BY WATCH MANUFACTURERS WHICH ARE REGISTERED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 6135 AND/OR PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 66 AD VAL.		10%
	B. OTHER. AD VAL.		30%
	Unified rate of		
91.10	Clock cases and cases of a similar type for other goods of this Chapter, and parts thereof: [ad. val. 30%]		
	A. WHEN IMPORTED BY WATCH MANUFACTURERS WHICH ARE REGISTERED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 6135 AND/OR PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 66 AD VAL.		10%
	B. OTHER. AD VAL.		30%
	Unified rate of		
91.11	Other clock and watch parts: [ad val. 30%]		
	A. WHEN IMPORTED BY WATCH MANUFACTURERS WHICH ARE REGISTERED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 6135 AND/OR PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 66. AD VAL.		10%
	B. OTHER. AD VAL.		30%

SECTION 2. After the expiration of thirty days from the issuance of this order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from customs warehouses in the Philippines, for consumption, shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 3. The amendment herein prescribed shall be in addition to those contained in Executive Order No. 609, dated August 1, 1980, including Annexes "A" and "B" thereof.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

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RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER 625
CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

WHEREAS, the field of geological sciences assumes a prominent role in the country's urgent search for more energy and mineral resources as well as in the popular concern for environmental protection and conservation;

WHEREAS, local efforts in the field of geological sciences are handled by several government agencies and institutions;

WHEREAS, international programs and activities in the geological sciences involving Philippine participation require the unified planning and action by several government agencies and institutions concerned;

WHEREAS, the creation of a coordinating body involving the government agencies and institutions concerned would provide a vehicle for the systematic planning and deliberation of national programs in the geological sciences as well as Philippine participation in international geological activities; eliminate undue duplication of efforts and expenditures; facilitate data exchange and monitoring; and provide government policy makers an advisory body concerning developments in the geological sciences;

NOW THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and ordain the following:

SECTION 1. Creation of the National Committee on Geological Sciences: - There is hereby created a National Committee on Geological Sciences, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, which shall be under the authority of the Office of the President; and which shall ensure unified action by all government agencies in international activities related to the geological sciences. The Committee shall serve as an advisory body to the government and a coordinating body of all government agencies involved in the aforesaid activities without prejudice to the internal affairs of the individual agencies concerned.

SECTION 2. Definition and Scope of Geological Sciences: - The term "Geological Sciences" is herein defined as that group of disciplines in the natural sciences dealing with the earth, its composition, physics, structure and evolution. It shall include, among others, the following disciplines: Geochemistry; Petrology; Mineralogy; Geophysics; Geodynamics; Structural Geology; Tectonics; Geomorphology; Volcanology; Seismology; Stratigraphy; Paleontology; Historical Geology; Economic Geology; and such interdisciplinary subjects as Marine Geology, Hydrogeology, Engineering Geology, Petroleum Geology, Environmental Geology, Mineral Economics, Mining Geology, Geomathematics, Geostatistics, Geobarometry, Geochronology, Nuclear Geology, Geothermometry, Astrogeology, Remote Sensing in Geology and others.

SECTION 3. Composition of the Committee: - The Committee shall be composed of the following agencies through their official representatives: Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences (Ministry of Natural

Resources), Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey (Ministry of National Defense), Commission on Volcanology (National Science Development Board), Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Ministry of National Defense), Department of Geology and Geography (University of the Philippines), National Research Council of the Philippines (National Science Development Board), Natural Resources Management Center (Ministry of Natural Resources), Mines Research Division, (Philippine Council for Agriculture and Resources Research), National Economic and Development Authority, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other concerned agencies that may wish to join the Committee. The Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences shall serve as the lead agency.

SECTION 4. Powers and Functions: - In line with its primary responsibility, the Committee shall exercise the following powers and functions, to wit:

1. Advise the President of the Philippines and other government and private entities on matters concerning development in geological sciences, particularly those related to environmental protection, development/conservation of energy and mineral resources, and participation in international geological programs;
2. Coordinate, promote and monitor national programs as well as Philippine participation in regional and international programs on geological sciences;
3. Facilitate effective representation of the Philippines, through properly selected/organized adhering bodies and representatives, in international geological organizations;
4. Facilitate the compilation, storage, retrieval, analysis and dissemination of information about geological sciences;
5. Solicit and accept donations and monetary contributions from local and foreign sources for the purpose of implementing/financing the programs of this Committee.
6. Formulate and implement such rules and regulations as may be necessary to administer the provisions thereof.

SECTION 5. Officers: - The Committee members shall elect among themselves a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman who shall serve a term of two years. They shall be assisted by a secretariat headed by a permanent Executive Secretary who shall come from the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences as may be designated by the Director of Mines and Geo-Sciences. The Secretariat shall hold its permanent office in the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences.

SECTION 6. Funding: - The Director of Mines and Geo-Sciences, as head of the lead agency, is hereby authorized to allocate and disburse funds necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Committee from savings out of the 1980 and 1981 budget allocation for the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences; and thereafter include the Committee's budget in the budgetary requirement of the Bureau of Mines and Geo-Sciences.

SECTION 7. Effectivity: - This order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 626
FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 234 DATED MAY 16, 1970, BANNING THE
SLAUGHTER OF CARABAOS AND BUFFALOES

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 234, as amended by Executive Order No. 253, allows the slaughter of carabaos and buffaloes that are three years old or over; and

WHEREAS, present conditions demand that the carabao and the buffalo be conserved for the benefit of the small farmers who rely on them for energy needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby promulgate the following:

SECTION 1. Executive Order No. 234 is further amended such that the slaughtering of carabaos and buffaloes is hereby prohibited except under the following conditions:

a. Only carabaos and buffaloes that are seven years old or over, if male, and eleven years old or over, if female, may be slaughtered upon issuance of the necessary slaughter permit by the authorities concerned;

b. No slaughter permit shall be issued without a certificate by the Provincial or City Veterinarian concerned, or their authorised representatives, to the effect that the carabao or buffalo to be slaughtered is of the required age and free from any disease.

SEC. 2. The Minister of Agriculture, upon recommendation of the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, shall issue such rules and regulations that will effectively carry out the provisions of this Executive Order.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 626-A
FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 626

WHEREAS, the President has given orders prohibiting the interprovincial movement of carabaos and the slaughtering of carabaos not complying with the requirements of Executive Order No. 626 particularly with respect to age;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that despite such orders the violators still manage to circumvent the prohibition against interprovincial movement of carabaos by transporting carabeef instead; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the purposes and objectives of Executive Order No. 626 and the prohibition against interprovincial movement of carabaos, it is necessary to strengthen the said Executive Order and provide for the disposition of the carabaos and carabeef subject of the violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby promulgate the following:

Section 1. Executive Order No. 626 is hereby amended such that henceforth, no carabao, regardless of age, sex, physical condition or purpose and no carabeef shall be transported from one province to another. The carabaos or carabeef transported in violation of this Executive Order as amended shall be subject to confiscation and forfeiture by the government to be distributed to charitable institutions and other similar institutions as the Chairman of the National Meat Inspection Commission may see fit, in the case of carabeef, and to deserving farmers through dispersal as the Director of Animal Industry may see fit, in the case of carabaos.

Section 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Assistant

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 627
CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

A Presidential Coordinating Committee on Proposed Constitutional Amendments is hereby constituted and organized for the purpose of collating and formulating the various constitutional amendments now being proposed by and from all sectors, public and private.

The following are hereby designated to compose the committee:

Hon. Ricardo C. Puno	- Chairman,
Hon. Jaime C. Laya	- Member, representing the Cabinet Standing Committee
Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile	- Member, representing the military
Hon. Estelito P. Mendoza	- Member, representing the governors, mayors, and other local officials,
Hon. Juvenal Guerrero	- Member, representing the Judiciary.
Hon. Vicente Santiago	- Member, representing the Commission on Elections, and
Hon. Edgardo J. Angara	- Member, representing the private citizens.

The Chairman and Members of the Committee herein constituted shall serve without remuneration, and their positions shall be purely honorary in character.

In the discharge of its functions and duties, the Committee shall coordinate with the Leadership of Batasang Pambansa.

The Chairman is hereby directed to submit his report and recommendations to the President/ Prime Minister within a period of one hundred-twenty (120) days.

The Minister of the Budget is hereby directed to make appropriate provisions for funding and for purposes of carrying out this Executive Order into effect.

Manila, October 30, 1980.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

Copies furnished:

The Chairman and Members
Presidential Coordinating Committee on Proposed Constitutional Amendments,
The Speaker
The Majority Floor Leader
All Standing Committee Chairmen Batasang Pambansa

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Senior Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 628
CREATING A UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE VISAYAS AS AN AUTONOMOUS
MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Constitution mandates that “the State shall establish and maintain a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the goals of national development;”

WHEREAS, the attainment of food sufficiency, of a healthy, vigorous and versatile citizenry, of informed, committed and effective managerial leadership are priority goals of national development;

WHEREAS, P.D. No. 1200, otherwise known as the Five-Year Philippine Development Plan (1978-1982), directs that:

“ . . . state colleges and universities, particularly the U.P. System, will take a more dynamic role in upgrading higher education to promote the Philippines as an international center of learning. As an apex of tertiary education in the Philippines, the facilities and programs of U.P. in allied fields of agriculture, business, economics, and the natural and physical sciences will be improved, while an integrated University of the Philippines campus in Iloilo based on food and marine sciences will be expanded.”

WHEREAS, in the same Five-Year Philippine Development Plan for 1978-1982, Region VI has been designated as “the site of the University of the Philippines in the Visayas with emphasis on marine sciences.”

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines is authorized to reorganize the government by virtue of P.D. No. 1416;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby Order:

Section 1. Establishment of the U.P. in the Visayas. The U.P. in the Visayas is hereby constituted as an autonomous university within the University of the Philippines System. It shall consist of a College of Arts and Sciences, a College of Fisheries, an Institute of Fisheries Development and Research, a Brackishwater Aquaculture Center, a school of development management, a graduate school, a school of development technology, and such other units as may be approved and funded pursuant to the provisions of the General Appropriations Act. It may acquire, subject to pertinent law and regulations and to budgetary constraints, land for its main campus in Miagao, Iloilo, and such other land and water resources as may be suitable for the academic, research, and extension education purposes of the U.P. in the Visayas.

Sec. 2. Organization. The U.P. in the Visayas shall be headed by a Chancellor, who shall be a member ex-officio of the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines System. The Chancellor shall be the executive officer of the autonomous University and shall discharge the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. To prescribe rules for the governance of the autonomous University, consistent with its purposes and the policies laid down by the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines System;
- b. To submit to the President of the University System for approval by the Board of Regents the courses of study and academic programs, rules of discipline, and awards of degrees and diplomas as recommended by the University Council;
- c. To maintain links with other units of the University System, other institutions of higher learning, and government ministries so as to ensure fruitful academic interchange and the maximization of the use of human and physical resources;
- d. To submit to the President of the University System an annual report on the operations of the autonomous University and such other reports as may be required;
- e. To prepare and recommend to the President of the University System for the approval of the Board of Regents the budget of the autonomous University;
- f. To perform such other functions as the Board of Regents may delegate; and
- g. To institute or effect the appropriate and efficient exercise of such functions or responsibilities as may be necessary for the expeditious administration of the autonomous University.

The Chancellor will be assisted by Vice-Chancellors and the administrative and support services components traditionally required by a University.

Sec. 3. Staffing and Compensation. The staffing and compensation structure of the U.P. in the Visayas and the Office of the Chancellor shall be determined in accordance with P.D. No. 1177, P.D. No. 985, and other pertinent budget and compensation laws.

Sec. 4. Funding. The sum of two hundred and ten thousand pesos (₱210,000) shall be released to the University of the Philippines in the Visayas in Calendar Year 1980 for purposes of operationalizing the Office of the Chancellor. This shall be charged to uncommitted funds of the National Government pursuant to B.P. No. 40 which are authorized for use by new organizational units of Government. Amounts necessary for the operation of the autonomous university beginning in Calendar Year 1981 shall be drawn from the funding authorized by Batas Pambansa Blg. 80.

Sec. 5. Effectivity. This Order shall be immediately effective.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of October, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Senior Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 629
ABOLISHING THE REPARATIONS COMMISSION AND TRANSFERRING ITS REMAINING
ACTIVITIES TO THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Japanese war reparations agreement has already terminated;

WHEREAS, the collection of accounts receivable can be done effectively by the Development Bank of the Philippines, which is, at present, actually collecting payments for disposed reparation goods;

WHEREAS, the President has continuing authority under Presidential Decree No. 1416 to reorganize the administrative structure of the National Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby Order:

1. The Reparations Commission is hereby abolished and the responsibility for collection of accounts receivable from the end-users of reparations goods is hereby transferred to the Development Bank of the Philippines.

2. All pertinent records of the Commission are hereby transferred to the Development Bank of the Philippines.

3. The liquidation of assets and liabilities of the Reparations Commission shall be undertaken by the Board of Liquidators.

4. This Order shall take effect on December 31, 1980.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Senior Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 630
CREATING THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 278, dated August 24, 1973, has mandated the institution of a National Reference Card System to enhance national security and afford convenience to the citizenry in transacting business with both government and private agencies; and

WHEREAS, under a state of emergency, there is an immediate need to implement Presidential Decree No. 278 for reasons of national security;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution do hereby order:

1. There is hereby created a National Identification System Committee (NISC) to be composed of the following:

The Chairman National Intelligence Board	- Chairman
The Commissioner Commission on Immigration and Deportation	- Member
The Managing Director National Computer Center	- Member
The Executive Director National Census and Statistics Office	- Member
The Commissioner Bureau of Internal Revenue	- Member
The Director for Information Systems, NISA	- Member/Recorder

2. The NISC is hereby authorized and tasked to:

- a. Formulate a national identification system consistent with the objectives of Presidential Decree No. 278;
- b. Oversee the implementation of such national identification system; and
- c. Call upon all government agencies concerned which may designate such technical advisers as are necessary in the implementation of this Order.

3. The NISC shall submit to the President a periodic report of its activities.

4. All government agencies are hereby directed to extend to the NISC whatever assistance is essential to carry out the above instructions.

5. All orders, rules or regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 606 - 630]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 631
CREATING THE POSITION OF ANOTHER DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 548 creating the Ministry of Public Highways provided for the position of only one Deputy Minister in the Ministry; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude and complexity of management operations in the Ministry of Public Highways now require the services of another Deputy Minister with sufficient background in finance, economics and public administration to complement the engineering skills in the Ministry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. There is created in the Ministry of Public Highways the position of another Deputy Minister with compensation equal to positions of equivalent rank in other ministries.

SEC. 2. The Deputy Minister contemplated herein shall assist the Minister of Public Highways in the management of the Ministry, principally with respect to its finance planning and administrative aspects or perform any other function or functions that may be delegated to him by the Minister for the good of the service.

SEC. 3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 631 - 705]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 632

CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR
THE MERGER OF THE PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY (PLDT)
AND THE REPUBLIC TELEPHONE COMPANY (RETELCO).

WHEREAS, there is now a proposal to merge the PLDT and the RETELCO in pursuance of the program to integrate telephone services throughout the country;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to determine the most reasonable terms and conditions to help the parties attain the objectives of the program; and

WHEREAS, it is of national interest that this program be implemented immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a special committee to determine the terms and conditions for the merger of the PLDT and the RETELCO to be composed of the following:

Minister Jose Dans	- Chairman
Minister Jaime C. Laya	- Member
Minister Roberto Ongpin	- Member

The committee may call upon any ministry, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality for such assistance as it may need for the accomplishment of its task.

The committee shall submit its report to the President upon completion of its work, but in no case shall it be later than December 31, 1980.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Assistant

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 631 - 705]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 632-A
MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS
PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, shall pay the rates of import duty to be applied by stages in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as listed in the aforementioned Annex "A": Provided, That the rate of duty indicated for 1985 shall continue to be levied, imposed and collected in the succeeding years until otherwise modified.

SEC. 2. On and after 1 January 1981, all the above-described articles listed in Annex "A" hereof entered or withdrawn from warehouse, in the Philippines, for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty prescribed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Presidential Assistant

Reference: Annex "A"

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 631 - 750]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 633
INCREASING THE CAPITALIZATION OF THE
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Human Settlements has consistently and successfully pursued its shelter and livelihood projects under the BLISS programs creating not only fresh strategic solutions but also new financial and liquidity approaches to the housing and income-generation problems of the government;

WHEREAS, the Human Settlements Development Corporation, an implementing corporate agency of the Ministry of Human Settlements has likewise succeeded in providing support services and financial conduits to the Ministry's various programs including the BLISS and other land development programs;

WHEREAS, the continued and sustained implementation of the Ministry's programs that requires corporate flexibilities may exhaust HSDC resources;

WHEREAS, it has now become necessary to increase the capitalization of the Human Settlements Development Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and amend Presidential decree No. 1396 as follows:

"Section 10. Capitalization of the Corporation. - The Corporation shall have an authorized capital stock of Five Billion Pesos (₱5,000,000,000) divided into 5,000,000 shares with a par value of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000) per share to be subscribed and paid for by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.

Additional capitalization in the nature of (a) properties as may be contributed to the Corporation by the government through further Presidential Proclamation designating Bagong Lipunan sites and other prototype project sites, (b) all capitalized surplus, (c) contributions by government financial institutions are also hereby authorized."

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Senior Presidential Assistant

Source: **Presidential Management Staff**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 631 - 705]*. Manila: Presidential Management Staff.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 634
CREATING THE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE OFFICES IN REGIONS IX AND XII.

WHEREAS, it is the consistent policy of the government to extend every possible national support to the Autonomous Governments of Regions IX and XII and to the Commission for Islamic Affairs created by Presidential Decree No. 1618 and Executive Order No. 569, respectively, in order to accelerate the rehabilitation and development of Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the integrated cooperatives development programs implemented in Regions IX and XII have shown tremendous accomplishments in the pacification and development drive of the government; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Regional cooperatives Development Assistance Office for each of Regions IX and XII be created to further enhance the socio-economic, cultural and political growth of the two regions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Regional Cooperatives Development Assistance Office each for Regions IX and XII, to be headed by an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, which shall implement the integrated cooperatives development programs in the two regions.

SEC. 2. The Regional Cooperatives Development Assistance Offices for the two regions shall be under the direction and supervision of the Bureau of Cooperatives Development of the Ministry of Agriculture pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 175 and Executive Order No. 595, with coordinate support of the Commission for Islamic Affairs and the Autonomous Governments of Regions IX and XII;

SEC. 3. All properties, personnel and responsibilities of the present Regional Cooperatives Development Task Forces in Regions IX and XII, and such funds as are allocated to these Task Forces under the budgetary provisions for the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development and the Regional Autonomous Governments are hereby transferred to the Regional Cooperatives Development Assistance Offices of Regions IX and XII.

SEC. 4. All Letters of Instructions, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Assistant

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1980). *[Executive Order Nos.: 631 - 705]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 635
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 134, SERIES OF 1964 AS AMENDED, CREATING THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE COORDINATING AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Philippine government has encouraged the promotion of volunteer service programs for national and international development and understanding;

WHEREAS, to maximize the benefits that may be derived from volunteer service programs, it is necessary to place them under the close supervision of a single government agency;

WHEREAS, it has been noted that due to lack of coordination, there are volunteer service organizations from foreign countries whose performance cannot be gauged properly as to the necessity of their presence in this country.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to strengthen the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency so that it can effectively formulate guidelines, policies, organize and coordinate volunteer service programs in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Title - The Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Office (PNVSCO) shall hereinafter be named Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA).

Section 2. The Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency hereinafter referred to as the Agency shall remain under the Office of the President and shall be under the close administrative supervision of the Presidential Executive Assistant.

Section 3. Aims and Objectives - The Agency shall have the following goals and objectives:

- a) Formulate policies and guidelines concerning volunteer service plans and programs;
- b) Coordinate programs and activities of domestic and all foreign governmental and private voluntary organizations in order that their services may be made to fit into the total national development goals;
- c) Act as clearing house for all matters pertaining to volunteer service;
- d) Organize and implement the national volunteer service program to give the educated youth and adults a constructive opportunity to use their talent and skills for national development and in carrying out programs of international cooperation;
- e) Serve as liaison between domestic and all foreign governmental and private voluntary organizations, including the United Nations Volunteer Program under UNDP;
- f) Strengthen and promote volunteer service through conferences, seminars, training sessions and other related activities;
- g) Administer all funds from all sources, including foreign aid in accordance with accounting and auditing requirements; receive gifts, donations, bequests and subventions from public and private entities; associations and private persons; and
- h) Perform other functions and duties as may be provided by law.

Section 4. Organization - The Agency shall be headed by a Director and assisted by a professional staff, and employees who shall be appointed by the Director in accordance with the Civil Service law and rules.

Section 5. Duties and Functions of the Director - The Director shall have the following duties and functions:

- a) Implement the plans and programs of the Philippine Volunteer Service Program;
- b) Advise and assist the Presidential Executive Assistant of the Office of the President on matters pertaining to volunteer services;
- c) Provide consultative and advisory services to the various government and private agencies on matters pertaining to volunteer service;
- d) Develop plans, programs and operating standards and techniques for the promotion of the objectives and functions of the Agency; and
- e) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to the Director by the Presidential Executive Assistant relating to volunteer services.

Section 6. Creation of Multi-Sectoral Advisory Body - There is hereby created a multi-sectoral advisory body to encourage the widest participation of both government and non-government organizations engaged in volunteer service. It shall be composed of representatives of selected government agencies, the interfaith groups, private/civic organizations and foreign and international organizations; to be organized and chaired by the Director of PNVSCA.

Section 7. Functions of the Multi-Sectoral Advisory Body - The multi-sectoral advisory body shall have the following functions:

- a) Assist in the formulation of policies, plans and programs pertaining to volunteer services;
- b) Provide consultative and technical advisory services on volunteer matters;
- c) Enhance and strengthen linkages among and between various volunteer groups and client communities.

Section 8. Definition of Terms - For the purpose of this Order:

- a) Volunteer Service Organization - means any domestic or foreign group of volunteer workers organized and trained to plan and implement local or domestic volunteer service programs.
- b) Volunteer Service Program - refers to a volunteer service planned for implementation by a volunteer service organization.
- c) Volunteer Service Worker - means any foreign volunteer service worker or a domestic volunteer service worker.
- d) Foreign Volunteer Service Workers - refers to a member of a foreign volunteer service organization, recruited by or at the instance of PNVSCA to perform or participate in a specified domestic development project.
- e) Domestic Volunteer Service Worker - refers to a citizen of the Philippines who is recruited by or at the instance of PNVSCA to perform or participate in a specified development project here or abroad.

Section 9. Admission of Foreign Volunteer Service Worker - No foreign volunteer service worker shall be admitted into the Philippines unless the sending foreign country or foreign private organization

has entered into an agreement for foreign volunteer service program with the government of the Philippines.

Section 10. Registration - All volunteer service organizations and workers shall, before performing any volunteer service in any place in the country, register with PNVSCA. All existing volunteer service organizations and workers now performing volunteer service in the country shall likewise register with PNVSCA within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Order.

Section 11. Contents of the Registration Form - The registration statement shall set forth the following:

- a) The registrant's full name, age, place of birth, citizenship, civil status, principal business and residence addresses in the Philippines or elsewhere, if any. If the registrant is a partnership, association or corporation, the application shall be accompanied by a certified copy of its charter, articles of incorporation or associating constitution and by-laws and any other instrument relating to its organization, powers and purposes;
- b) The name of the foreign volunteer service worker's domestic or foreign organization affiliation; passport and visa number;
- c) A copy of the contracts or employment, or in the absence thereof, a full statement of the terms and conditions under which such person acts or agrees to work as a foreign volunteer;
- d) A detailed statement of every activity which the registrant is performing or is assuming or purporting or has agreed to perform;
- e) Such other statements, information or documents as the Director of the PNVSCA for the purposes of this may from time to time require.

Section 12. Change of Visa Status - No foreign visitor entering the Philippines or already in the country, shall apply for a change of status.

Section 13. Prohibited Acts - A foreign volunteer service worker shall not perform any of the following:

- a) Accept other remunerative employment during his assignment.
- b) Make, directly or indirectly, any contribution of money or other things of value, or promise expressly or impliedly to make any such contribution, in connection with any convention, caucus or other process to select candidates for any political office.
- c) Participate in political activities.
- d) Solicit contributions.
- e) Act in violation of the rules and regulations prescribed by the PNVSCA.

Section 14. Penalty for Any Violation - Any foreign volunteer service worker who commits any of the above prohibited acts shall face corresponding cancellation of his visa and confiscation of his passport while any domestic volunteer service worker committing any such violation shall face charges before our domestic court.

Section 15. Rules and Regulations - The Director shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Order. Such rules and regulations shall be effective after fifteen (15) days following their publication in the Official Gazette.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Senior Presidential Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 635-A

AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION IN THE SERVICE OF SOME EMPLOYEES OF THE REPARATIONS COMMISSION (REPACOM) AND DIRECTING THE BOARD OF LIQUIDATORS TO ADVANCE THEIR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT FROM REPACOM FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Reparations Commission (REPACOM) has been abolished effective 31 December 1980 under Executive Order No. 629 dated 30 October 1980 which was issued by virtue of the continuing authority of the President of the Philippines under Presidential Decree No. 1416 to reorganize the administrative structure of the National Government;

WHEREAS, the liquidation of the assets and liabilities of the REPACOM shall be undertaken by the Board of Liquidators pursuant to Paragraph No. 4 of said Executive Order;

WHEREAS, there is need to retain some employees of the REPACOM as a residual force to help the Board of Liquidators perform the work of liquidation;

WHEREAS, there is need to immediately provide funds for the salaries and other operating expenses of the REPACOM Residual Force in order not to delay or prejudice the work of liquidation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby Order:

1. The Board of Liquidators shall, with the approval of the President of the Philippines, constitute from among the employees of the REPACOM the members of the REPACOM Residual Force who shall be retained in the service to assist the Board of Liquidators in liquidating the assets and liabilities of the REPACOM.

2. The salaries and other operating expenses of the REPACOM Residual Force shall be advanced by the Board of Liquidators; Provided, however, That said expenditures shall be reimbursed from any available funds of the REPACOM, when and as said funds become available, including those realized from the collection, sales or other disposition of its assets.

3. Subject to the provisions of existing laws and with the approval of the President of the Philippines, the Board of Liquidators shall sell, lease, transfer, assign, or otherwise dispose of the assets of the REPACOM and from the proceeds thereof pay, in accordance with the priorities established by law, all outstanding obligations of the REPACOM including the operational expenses of the REPACOM Residual Force.

4. The functions and all pending work of the REPACOM are hereby transferred to the Board of Liquidators, except the collection of accounts receivable from end-users of reparations goods, which responsibility had been transferred to the Development Bank of the Philippines.

5. The net proceeds derived from the liquidation of all assets of the REPACOM shall be turned over by the Board of Liquidators to the National Treasury to form part of the general fund of the National Government.

6. This Order shall take effect on 31 December 1980.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 636
CREATING A PHILIPPINE GAMEFOWL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, international cockfight derbies are held in the country as a national recreation and tourism attraction;

WHEREAS, the gamefowl industry which is the main source of materials for cockfighting can be developed to profitable levels;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that international cockfight derbies be regulated in order to derive from the maximum benefits not only for those who are directly engaged in them but for the country as well; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Creation of the Philippine Gamefowl Commission. - There is hereby created under the Office of the President a Philippine Gamefowl Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, which shall be composed of seven (7) members, as follows: the Director of Animal Industry; the Chairman of the Games and Amusements Board; a representative of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development; a representative of the Ministry of Finance; and three (3) other members from the private sector to be appointed by the President, one of whom shall be a representative of a recognized cockpit owners/operators association.

The President shall designate the Chairman of the Commission from among its members.

SEC. 2. Powers and Functions of the Commission. - The Commission shall have the following functions:

- a. Promulgate and enforce rules and regulations relative to the holding of international cockfight derbies in the Philippines, including the frequency, sites, conduct and operation of the derbies;
- b. Issue licenses for the holding of international cockfight derbies;
- c. Prescribe policy guidelines for the issuance of permits by the Bureau of Animal Industry for the importation or entry of gamecocks into the country for breeding or competition purposes;
- d. Fix and periodically revise whenever necessary, subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance, the rates of license fees and other levies that may be imposed on international cockfight derbies; and
- e. Perform such other functions as may be authorized by law.

SEC. 3. For purposes of this Executive Order, international cockfight derbies shall refer to special cockfight events involving imported gamecocks.

SEC. 4. The licensing and regulation of regular cockfighting shall continue to be in accordance with existing pertinent laws and regulations.

SEC. 5. Such amount as may be necessary for the operating expenses of the Commission for the current and immediately following calendar year is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any unappropriated funds in the National Treasury. Subsequently, the appropriations for the Commission shall be included in the general appropriations act.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:

(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 637
PRESCRIBING REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN
THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 955, organizational and administrative reform measures have been directed to be undertaken within the Office of the President in order to establish a more effective staff support system for the President;

WHEREAS, a system of Presidential Assistants has been established in the Office of the President in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 830;

WHEREAS, there is further need to clarify administrative relationships within the Office of the President to ensure the realization of effective coordination and integration in the internal administrative affairs of the Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decrees Nos. 830 and 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The Presidential Executive Assistant shall, in behalf of the President, be the chief executive officer of the Office of the President. As such, he shall be responsible for exercising direct and immediate supervision over the internal management of the Office of the President.

In accordance with the above, all organizational units within the Office of the President proper, except those pertaining to the private offices of the President and the Presidential Security Command which shall remain directly under the President, shall report to and be under the immediate supervision and control of the Presidential Executive Assistant.

SEC. 2. There is hereby created the position of Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant who shall assist the Presidential Executive Assistant in the management and supervision of the Office of the President in such manner as the Presidential Executive Assistant shall determine.

SEC. 3. Pursuant to Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 955, the Presidential Executive Assistant shall provide overall coordination in the operation of the system of Presidential Assistants established under P.D. 831. Accordingly, he shall exercise administrative supervision over all the Presidential Assistants including the Chief of the Finance Office.

SEC. 4. The Presidential Executive Assistant, as chief executive officer of the Office of the President proper, shall have powers and functions as follows:

1. Exercise direct supervision and control over the various units of the Office of the President proper including their internal administrative requirements and for this purpose, he may designate such Presidential Assistants as may be necessary, to assist him in the performance of his functions;

2. Exercise exclusive authority to sign papers "By authority of the President " or other signing arrangements of similar nature.

3. Supervise the preparation, review or finalization, as the case may be, of proclamations, executive orders, decrees, letters of instructions; and sign the papers referred to in Letter of Instructions No. 342.

4. Together with the Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant, attest Presidential decrees and similar Presidential issuances;

5. Determine and assign such matters as he may deem proper to the appropriate Presidential Assistants or units in the Office of the President proper; prescribe and define the nature and extent of the authority that may be exercised in connection with such assignments; and determine the appropriate officials who may be authorized signatories for particular types of papers, communications or similar action documents;

6. Promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to carry out the objectives, policies and functions of the Office of the President proper; and

7. Perform such other functions as the President may direct.

SEC. 5. The Presidential Assistants, under the overall coordination and administrative supervision of the Presidential Executive Assistant, shall have powers and functions, as follows:

1. Implement assignments explicitly given to them by the President;

2. Provide the President with information and analysis on developments within their respective areas of competence, as well as in other areas they deem important or which may warrant immediate Presidential attention;

3. Assist the Presidential Executive Assistant for the effective and efficient operation of the Office of the President proper;

4. Coordinate and consult closely with other Presidential Assistants and Presidential Advisers, and heads of the different line departments and agencies of the government in the conduct of their respective staff functions and duties;

5. Call upon any of the units in the Common Support System of the Office of the President proper for assistance in the performance of their technical staff work; and

6. Perform such other functions as the President may direct.

SEC. 6. All existing authorizations to sign papers that have legal or substantive directory implications, including those “By authority of the President”, “By order of the President”, “By the President”, “For the President” or other authorizations of similar legal nature, as well as the authority to attest Presidential decrees and similar Presidential issuances, as are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby revoked.

SEC. 7. All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, letters of instructions, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 638
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31, ENTITLED “REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES”

WHEREAS, the price of oil is continuously affecting the world economy thereby impelling the government to reorient its priorities in its efforts to sustain regional growth and development in order to realize the national objectives to accelerate economic growth and development;

WHEREAS, for the realization of such objectives particularly in the area of regional development, the development thrust under the NEDA Development Plan and priorities set forth for the regions for the upliftment or improvement of depressed areas, requires extensive government action;

WHEREAS, local officials are responsible and instrumental in the implementation and supervision of government projects and improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution do hereby order and ordain the amendment of the following Sections of Executive Order No. 31 to read as follows:

Section 1. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the Sangguniang Panglungsod or the Sangguniang Bayan, as the case may be, may authorize, subject to the approval of the Ministers concerned, those officials whose duties make it necessary or advisable for them to use special means of transportation for the purpose of supervision, inspection, or investigation, to utilize their privately-owned motor vehicles for official purposes and to receive reimbursement for the same at the rate of sixty-five centavos (₱0.65) for each kilometer of travel in the case of automobiles and jeeps, on official business: PROVIDED, That the maximum allowances to be paid during any month shall not exceed those given in the following schedules:

A. For provinces and cities having 350 kilometers or more of designated first and second class roads connected with the provincial capital or city -

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| 1. Provincial Governors, City Mayors and City Engineers. | ₱350 |
| 2. Provincial Treasurers. | 300 |
| 3. District Health Officers and other officials of equivalent rank | 250 |

B. For provinces and cities having 200 or more of designated first and second class roads connected with the provincial capital or city but less than 350 kilometers -

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| 1. Provincial Governors, City Mayors and City Engineers. | ₱320 |
| 2. Provincial Treasurers. | 280 |
| 3. District Health Officers and other officials of equivalent rank | 230 |

C. For provinces and cities having 150 kilometers or more of designated first and second class roads connected with the provincial capital or city but less than 200 kilometers -

1. Provincial Governors, City Mayors and City Engineers.	₱290
2. Provincial Treasurers.	260
3. District Health Officers and other officials of equivalent rank	210

D. For provinces and cities having 75 kilometers or more of designated first and second class roads connected with the provincial capital or city but less than 150 kilometers -

1. Provincial Governors, City Mayors and City Engineers.	₱260
2. Provincial Treasurers.	240
3. District Health Officers and other officials of equivalent rank	170

Section 2. Employees of the National Government and/or provincial and city government who perform field duties may be given monthly allowances for providing other private means of transportation for official purposes, when properly authorized, with the approval of the Minister concerned, as follows:

- a) For motorcycles, ₱0.25 per kilometer, or a maximum of ₱100.00 per month.
- b) For horses, ₱0.30 per kilometer, or a maximum of ₱80.00 per month.
- c) For bicycles, ₱0.15 per kilometer, or a maximum of ₱40.00 per month.

Section 3. Provincial Auditors, Division Superintendents of Schools and District Engineers who are national officials already enjoying/entitled to transportation and representation allowances under existing laws are not covered by this Executive Order except those authorized under LOI Nos. 779, 804 and 821.

Section 4. All rules and regulations on the official use of motor vehicles or other means of transportation referred to in Executive Order No. 31, series of 1954 shall remain valid/enforceable.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with or contrary to any provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

Section 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 639
ABOLISHING THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES IN FRANKFURT,
WEST GERMANY AND IN KUWAIT

WHEREAS, the Philippines maintains Special Trade Representative Offices in Frankfurt, West Germany and in Kuwait, and Commercial Posts in the same areas;

WHEREAS, considering the need to economize in Philippine representation abroad and facilitate the implementation of Executive Order No. 574, reorganizing the Ministry of Trade, and Executive Order No. 540, establishing the Philippine Foreign Trade Service Corps; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. The Special Trade Representative Offices in Frankfurt, West Germany and in Kuwait are hereby abolished and their functions, including records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary, are transferred to the Commercial Posts concerned in the areas where the Special Trade Representative Offices are presently located or as may be otherwise determined by the Minister of Trade. The Minister of the Budget shall reallocate the appropriations provided for the abolished offices, acting on recommendation of the Minister of Trade.

SEC. 2. The Minister of Trade is hereby directed to hasten the implementation of Executive Order No. 574 and Executive Order No. 540 to establish a more effective mechanism for the diversification, expansion and promotion of the country's foreign trade.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 640
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 613 ENTITLED “TRANSFERRING THE PHILIPPINE
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT”

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 613 transferred the Philippine Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) from the Ministry of Energy to the Office of the President in order to insure objectivity and effectiveness in the exercise of its regulatory and licensing functions with respect to the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant-I;

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain its personnel and to attract qualified technical, scientific and professional personnel in order to discharge more effectively its function and duty of safeguarding public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, under existing laws the PAEC personnel are granted allowances.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

Section 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 613 is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

THE COMMISSIONER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND OTHER PERSONNEL OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE ENTITLED OR SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUCH SALARIES, REMUNERATIONS AND ALLOWANCES AS ARE IN FORCE UNDER EXISTING LAWS, DECREES AND PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORIZATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 1571 AND 1573. ANY CHANGE IN THESE RATES SHALL BE APPROVED PURSUANT TO P. D. NO. 985.

Section 2. All laws, decrees, other issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 640-A

PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE PRESERVATION, GROWTH, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOTION PICTURE ART AND SCIENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, the motion picture industry has become a significant social institution that wields tremendous influence in the lives of our people and serves as a vital instrument for social and cultural changes in our society;

WHEREAS, the Government recognizes the need to integrate and rationalize all existing and envisioned efforts designed to encourage the preservation, growth and development of the motion picture art and science in the country, to the end that the motion picture will not only be a viable and profitable business enterprise, but a vehicle to accelerate the artistic, scientific and cultural advancement of the nation, and reinforce the national endeavor of social and economic development and progress;

WHEREAS, the Cultural Center of the Philippines as created under Presidential Decree No. 15, is the most appropriate Government agency through which the Government may promote and enhance the preservation, growth and development of the motion picture art and science in the country, through the adoption and proper implementation of sound and effective regulatory measures, the grant of incentives, and other reasonable means of attaining such purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct the following:

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared a policy of the State to provide support and assistance to the motion picture industry in the country, specifically for the purpose of achieving sound, effective and progressive integration and correlation of the business, economic and commercial functions and operations of the said industry, thereby making the motion picture industry a truly dynamic and vigorous instrument for national cultural growth and development and vital social institution which will enhance the artistic as well as scientific heritage of the nation.

Accordingly, the Cultural Center of the Philippines by itself or through any of the supporting bodies created or mentioned herein is hereby designated and authorized to implement such policy of the state.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 15 as amended, and in accordance with the policy declared in Section 1 hereof, a Filipino Motion Picture Development Board is hereby created as an arm of the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The Board shall perform the following powers and duties or activities:

1. To establish, operate and maintain an institution to be known as the Film Academy of the Philippines to be headed by a Director-General. The basic function of the Academy shall be to give due recognition, awards distinction, appreciation and other forms of reward for significant efforts and accomplishments of the improvement and development of the motion picture art and science in the country. In relation to its basic function as herein stated, and to further professionalize the motion picture industry through the formation of representative guilds in the various creative and technical

sectors of the industry, the Academy shall maintain educational programs, scholarships, grants and other forms of and/or assistance, through which qualified and deserving persons with exceptional talent and ability in the film arts shall be afforded better opportunities for further development. In connection there with, the Academy shall coordinate with the already established MOWELFUND Film Institute of the Movie Workers Welfare Foundation, Inc.,

2. To establish, operate and maintain a special fund to be known as the Film Fund, to be headed by a Director-General, which shall be utilized to provide financial assistance to motion picture production venture or projects;

3. To establish, operate and maintain a Board of Standards to be headed by a Director-General. The Board shall formulate and administer, subject to the approval of the President, a national film rating and classification system based on the criteria prescribed by the said Board. In relation to its basic function as stated herein, the Board shall be authorized to administer and enforce a system of tax incentives structured on a graduated scale in coordination with the Ministry of Finance, which System shall be applied on the basis of the rating received by Film productions from the Board. In the discharge of these functions, the Board of Standards shall coordinate with and shall be assisted by the Board of Review for Motion Pictures and Television.

4. To establish, operate and maintain a Film Archive to be headed by a Director-General, for the purpose of preserving and disseminating motion picture which are historical, cultural and/or aesthetic value of the nation.

5. To establish, operate and maintain such administrative units as it may deem necessary or proper for the purpose; appoint, control and supervise the personnel therein; and promulgate such rules and regulations governing the duties, functions and responsibilities of such units in conformity with the objectives stated in this Order.

6. To provide assistance and support for all efforts, activities and enterprises which are designed or envisioned to raise the standard of the cinematic art and science in the country in consonance with the cultural, scientific and educational values and sensibilities of our people and our society, and in keeping with the country's social and economic development aims and objectives; add consistent therewith, to adopt and implement such measures as may be proper or necessary to ensure the success of such efforts, activities and enterprises and to obtain satisfactory results therefrom, particularly performance, and also in terms of cultural achievements;

7. To set up and administer a viable system of objectives to encourage the growth and development of high quality motion pictures in the country, which incentives shall include the grant of recognition to deserving individuals or entities who have contributed to the vital task and objectives of improving the quality of film-making or cinematic production in the country in accordance with the criteria formulated by the Filipino Motion Picture Development Board; and

8. To furnish and extend assistance to Filipino talents in the acquisition of skills, experience and expertise necessary for quality film production.

9. To borrow funds, acquire, manage and hold such real and personal property as may be necessary to carry out their purpose and objectives;

10. To invest funds and other assets in such activities or undertakings and under terms and conditions as it may deem wise or desirable;

11. To participate and engage in productive projects and investments in order to generate adequate funds for their financial requirements, functions and responsibilities; and

12. To do and perform all acts and things as may be necessary in the exercise of their powers, functions, duties and responsibilities, or incident thereto, including all the corporate powers of the Decree No. 15 as amended.

SECTION 3. The Board shall be composed of seven members, with the Chairman of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, as Chairman, and the following as members: The Director-General for the Film Academy, the Film Fund, the Film Archives and the Board of Standards, and two (2) representatives of Cultural Center of the Philippines to be designated by the Chairman of the Cultural Center of the Philippines who shall be individuals widely respected in the motion picture industry for their commitment to the development of Philippine cinema.

The Board shall prescribe such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meeting and internal governance.

SECTION 4. The Director-General for the Film Academy, the Film Fund, the Film Archives and the Board of Standards shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, from members in good standing and of general repute of the Philippine motion picture industry. The Director-General for the Film Academy, the Film Archives and the Board of Standards shall serve for a term of two years. The Director-General for the Film Fund shall serve for a one-year term, without immediate reappointment during which term he may not engage in any feature film project, directly or indirectly, whether or not for personal, financial or other gain.

SECTION 5. The International Film Foundation, Inc., a non-stock corporation adhering to the policy declared herein, is hereby affiliated to the Cultural Center of the Philippines to assist the Filipino Motion Picture Development Board in implementing activities and operational undertakings related to the financial growth and stability of the motion picture industry, such as but not limited to:

1. the establishment, organization, operation and maintenance of international film festivals, markets, exhibitions and other similar activities, provide subsidies for deserving films invited to competition in International Film Festivals, for the purpose of having an effective and efficient mechanism which will enhance and promote constructive competition, trade and commercial relations, and goodwill in the motion picture industry, and also to foster closer relations between the Philippines and other countries.

2. the construction and maintenance of buildings and establishments such as theaters, screening rooms, archives and other similar facilities.

3. the importation of raw stocks and materials for the production of good quality motion pictures, particularly where such importation will result in the lowering of production costs and other economic as well as financial gains or advantages and at the same time in improving the quality of the motion pictures produced in the country; and

4. the undertaking of motion picture production ventures or projects of film makers or producers who are citizens of the Philippines, or of business firms, engaged in film-making which are wholly owned by Filipino citizens, through financial participation or investment in such ventures or projects, and by extending special services to such persons and films, such as research and consultancy, which are related to this specific function and area of responsibility.

SECTION 6. In furtherance of the objectives of this Order, the Cultural Center of the Philippines is hereby empowered and authorized to establish, construct, administer and maintain within the Cultural Center Complex, a Film Center and all buildings and facilities appurtenant thereto, to service the requirements of the motion picture industry. Any savings from any general or special appropriation or infrastructure act when approved by the President may be appropriated and expended for the purposes of this Executive Order.

SECTION 7. The amount of ONE MILLION PESOS (₱1,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of the unappropriated portion of the General Fund for the operations of the Filipino Motion Picture

Development Board through the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and thereafter they shall have an annual budgetary appropriation of TEN MILLION PESOS (₱10,000,000.00) subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 5th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 641
CREATING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE FOR POLICE
MATTERS IN THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

WHEREAS, the Ministry of National Defense (MOND) is charged with the duty of supervising the national defense program;

WHEREAS, an important component of the national defense program is the maintenance of law and order, which is a predominant concern of the Integrated National Police (INP);

WHEREAS, such police matters constitute a considerable portion of MOND activities;

WHEREAS, the magnitude of such INP activities requires their supervision, direction and control by the Minister of National Defense by delegation through a principal executive arm;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by Presidential Decree No. 1416, as amended, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created in the Ministry of National Defense (MOND) the position of the Deputy Minister of National Defense for Police Matters (DMPM).

SEC. 2. The Deputy Minister of National Defense for Police Matters shall have the following functions and duties:

- a. To supervise the activities of the Integrated National Police (INP) and the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM);
- b. To promote coordination and cooperation between the INP on one hand and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the local executives and authorities on the other;
- c. To formulate and oversee the implementation of the law enforcement program;
- d. To monitor the activities of the INP to ensure its effectiveness and viability as a major law enforcement arm of the government;
- e. To supervise the activities of INP units/personnel assigned or detailed with civilian government agencies or private individuals/agencies; and
- f. To perform such other functions as the Minister of National Defense may assign to him.

SEC. 3. The amount of TWO MILLION PESOS (₱2,000,000.00) is hereby authorized for the operation of the Office of the Deputy Minister for Police Matters for 1984 to be generated from unprogrammed or appropriation reserves of the Ministry of National Defense. Thereafter, the budget of said office shall be included in the annual appropriation for the MOND.

SEC. 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 642
CREATING THE GINTONG ALAY FOUNDATION, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Project: Gintong Alay which was created pursuant to Letter of Instructions No. 955 and whose functions have been expanded per Letter of Instructions No. 1022-A, has achieved enormous success in developing athletes for international competitions;

WHEREAS, the project depends on the complete assistance both from the government and private sectors, in view of the nature and magnitude of its assigned tasks; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to support the project through the provision of materials, equipment, human resources, management, financing and related services, caused through an institution designed to augment the Project: Gintong Alay;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. Name and Location. There is hereby created a body corporate to be known as the Gintong Alay Foundation, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Foundation, with its main executive offices in Metro Manila.

SEC. 2. Purposes and Objectives. The Foundation shall render maximum assistance primarily to the Project: Gintong Alay in the attainment of the objectives of the project. In addition, the Foundation shall have the following purposes and objectives:

- a) To raise funds each year, primarily for the Project: Gintong Alay and to conduct research studies related to the training of athletes, management of sports facilities and equipment.
- b) To distribute the funds raised in accordance with a systematic budgeting procedure.
- c) To help promote effective planning and coordination and administration of the training of athletes as envisioned in LOI 955 and LOI 1022-A.
- d) To acquire, lease and own any and all real estate that maybe necessary or useful in carrying out the purposes for which the Foundation is created and to receive and accept donations of money or property, real or personal, from any persons or entity, including the Republic of the Philippines or any of its sub-divisions and instrumentalities, and to accept and administer real or personal property in trust for the above-mentioned purposes.
- e) To sell or lease any of the property that maybe acquired by the Foundation.
- f) In case of dissolution, its remaining assets shall be disposed of and turned over to any Foundation dedicated to scientific/cultural pursuits of its choice or to the Republic of the Philippines of any of its agencies or instrumentalities or political sub-divisions.

SEC. 3. Board of Trustees. The governing powers and authority of the Foundation shall be vested and exercised by a Board of Trustees, which shall be composed of one chairman to be appointed by the President of the Philippines and four (4) members.

SEC. 4. Functions of the Board. In the exercise of the powers granted to it under this Decree, the Board of Trustees shall:

- a) Promulgate and adopt policies, plans, rules and regulations, as it considers necessary for the effective discharge of its responsibilities;
- b) Appoint the President, and one or more vice-presidents to assist the President, in the administration of the affairs of the Foundation; and
- c) Review periodically the administration and program of the Foundation.

SEC. 5. The President. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a President of the Foundation who shall be its chief executive officer and shall receive such compensations and remunerations to be fixed by the Board. He shall exercise all powers and duties inherent to his position and such other functions as maybe vested in him by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 6. Tax Exemptions. Any donation, contribution, bequest, subsidy or financial aid which maybe made to the Foundation shall be exempt from taxes of any kind, and shall constitute allowable deductions in full from the income of the donor or giver for income tax purposes.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, administrative issuance, rules and regulations inconsistent with the foregoing provisions are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder thereof shall not be affected.

SEC. 9. Effectivity. The Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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TANGGAPAN NG PANGULO NG PILIPINAS
(OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES)

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 643
PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISIONS
OVER THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1752, amending P.D. No. 1530 that created the Home Development Mutual Fund, has given it corporate status but also provides for its supervision by appropriate Government agencies as the President may designate and authorize;

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best public interest and proper administration of the Fund to authorize ministries and offices in general to exercise their respective supervisory and regulatory duties over corresponding aspects of the Fund's administration, with the Ministry of Human Settlements, however, as the principal agency to exercise general supervision, for the following reasons:

- a) On account of the Ministry's primary responsibility over the integrated implementation of the national shelter program, housing being the major component of the Fund's mission;
- b) To optimize integration and implementation of the purposes and programs of the Fund with the shelter, livelihood and related programs of the Ministry and its attached agencies; and
- c) To continue the supervision that has proven effective in the Fund's development to its present strength -

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, Presidential Decree No. 1752 and other pertinent laws, do hereby direct the following:

1. In connection with the administration of the Home Development Mutual Fund of 1980, Government ministries and other offices are generally authorized to exercise their respective supervisory and/or regulatory functions as may pertain to specific aspects of the Fund's administration, particularly on financial matters, to wit: Ministry of Finance, on fiscal matters; Monetary Board and Central Bank, on monetary matters; and Ministry of the Budget, on public funds allocations.

2. The Ministry of Human Settlements, in addition to the specific authority hereby granted, is designated and authorized as the principal agency to exercise general supervision, visitation and verification of the Fund's administration, with the view particularly of optimizing the integration and implementation of the objectives and programs of the Fund with the programs and policies of the Ministry and its attached agencies concerning shelter, livelihood and related fields.

3. Any provisions of law, decree, executive order, rule, regulation or circular as may be contrary or inconsistent with this order is accordingly repealed, amended or modified.

4. This order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of January, in the Year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Executive Presidential Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 644

MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MARGINS OF TARIFF PREFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARTICLES NEGOTIATED DURING THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE TRADE PREFERENCE NEGOTIATING GROUP AND THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND TOURISM.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 402 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in Annex "A" hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, shall be accorded the margins of tariff preference as specified in column 8 of said Annex "A". In effect, such articles shall be subject to the Preferential Tariff for ASEAN in accordance with the schedule indicated opposite each article as specified in Columns 9-13 of said Annex "A".

SEC. 2. In the event that any subsequent changes are made in the basic Philippine rate of duty on any of the above-mentioned articles, such articles shall automatically be accorded the corresponding margins of preference indicated in column 8 of Annex "A" hereof.

SEC. 3. After the effective date of this Order, all the above-described articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse in the Philippines for consumption shall be subject to the rate of import duty herein prescribed subject to qualification under the Rules of Origin as prescribed in the Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements ratified on August 1, 1977.

SEC. 4. This Order shall take effect as of 24 January 1981.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

Reference: Annex A

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 645
ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL FERTILIZER CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
TRANSFERRING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 992 created the National Fertilizer Corporation of the Philippines primarily for investments in ASEAN fertilizers projects;

WHEREAS, subsequently Presidential Decree No. 1648 reorganized the National Development Company and authorized said company to invest in ASEAN projects;

WHEREAS, to date, equity contributions from the government in the National Fertilizer Corporation of the Philippines for 1979 and 1980 amounted to ₱18,544,000 for investments in the ASEAN Urea Projects of Indonesia and Malaysia;

WHEREAS, Batas Pambansa Blg. 80 provides for an appropriation of ₱200,000,000 for 1981 for the National Fertilizer Corporation of the Philippines for additional investments in the aforesaid ASEAN projects;

WHEREAS, it would be desirable to consolidate investments in all ASEAN projects in the National Development Company, which is the government's investing arm for industrial development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. The National Fertilizer Corporation of the Philippines created by Presidential Decree No. 992 is hereby abolished and all the equity contributions of the national government therein are hereby transferred to the National Development Company as additional equity therein.

SEC. 2. The appropriations of ₱200,000,000 for 1981 provided in Batas Pambansa Blg. 80 for release to the National Fertilizer Corporation of the Philippines for additional investments in the ASEAN Urea Projects of Indonesia and Malaysia are likewise to be released to the National Development Company as additional equity of the national government in the said company.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 646

DIRECTING THE MINISTRIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES CONCERNED TO
RENDER FULL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE BATASANG PAMBANSA TO INSURE
THE SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF THE SPRING MEETINGS OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY
UNION ON APRIL 20 TO 25, 1981

TO: All Ministries and Government Offices

WHEREAS, the Spring Meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will be held in Manila on April 20-25, 1981 with the Batasang Pambansa as the host National Group;

WHEREAS, delegates from ninety (90) National Groups of Parliamentarians who are Members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will be arriving in Manila to attend the IPU Spring Meetings;

WHEREAS, the success of this significant event will be another milestone in the history of our Republic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order and direct every ministry and agency of the government to render full support and assistance to the Batasang Pambansa to insure the success of the hosting of the Spring Meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union on April 20 to 25, 1981.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 647
GRANTING OF SALARY ADJUSTMENT TO OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF
THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

WHEREAS, having expected that the year 1980 would be a lean year in so far as collection sources are concerned, due to worldwide economic instability, the Bureau of Customs has redoubled its collection efforts through intensifying the heightening its search for untapped collection sources thus making the collection machinery more efficient and effective;

WHEREAS, in view of this collective effort, the Bureau has overshot its target by ₱532,534,511.59 or 4.72 percent and has even exceeded the collection level in 1979 by ₱899,749,824.59 or 8.26 percent;

WHEREAS, in order to give the Bureau's personnel commensurate incentives after having exerted their optimum efficiency to bring out a commendable output, there is a need to grant salary increase in pursuance of the constitutional mandate calling for the adoption of measures to promote morale and the highest degree of responsibility, integrity, loyalty, efficiency and professionalism;

WHEREAS, the Bureau's contribution to the economic development and social progress of the country can never be underrated as a major revenue-collecting agency performing a function which is sensitive in nature, thus duly recognized as a special entity by the government sector itself through P.D. Nos. 689 and 985 and in pursuance thereto, the Bureau's salary gap with other government agencies must be maintained;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 594 adopting the policy of using the prevailing level of consumption in private industry in the country as the basis of compensation of government personnel, a further upward revision of the Bureau's salary rates is needed to make them at par with their counterparts in the private industry and with other government agencies of the same category which have been granted special salary adjustments recently;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President and Prime Minister of the Philippines by virtue of the power vested in me by law do hereby order the implementation of a ten percent (10%) salary adjustment effective January 1, 1981 to officers and employees of the Bureau of Customs. The salary adjustment covered by this Executive Order shall be drawn from the savings of the said Bureau and/or Salary Adjustment Fund in CY 1981 General Appropriation Act.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty One.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President
and Prime Minister of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 648
REORGANIZING THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS REGULATORY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, it is the national policy to promote innovative land development and land use control measures as a technology for building communities;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide full support to the government's policies and programs on Human Settlements through effective land use and development control measures by strengthening the regulatory arm of the Ministry of Human Settlements;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the Light of Changing Circumstances and New Developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the Authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

ARTICLE I. TITLE

Section 1. Title - This shall be known as the Charter of the Human Settlements Regulatory Commission.

ARTICLE II. DECLARATION OF POLICIES

Section 2. Declaration of Policies and Objectives. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to implement an integrated program of land use control for the entire country in accordance with the following objectives:

- a) To foster the growth and renewal of our Urban and Rural communities in an integrative manner that promotes optimum land use, adequate shelter, and environmental protection/ all these/ towards the development of man as a total human being.
- b) To bring about the optimum use of land as a national resource for public welfare rather than as a commodity of trade subject to price speculation and indiscriminate use.
- c) To enforce, implement, coordinate, streamline, improve and optimize land use policies and regulations on human settlements, including the implementation and enforcement of the regulatory aspect of the Urban Land Reform Program, the Subdivision and Condominium Buyer's Protective Decree, Land Value and Building Rental regulations and other related laws.

ARTICLE III. DEFINITIONS

Section 3. Definitions. - For the purpose of this Order and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the terms of words used herein shall, unless the context indicates otherwise, mean or be understood to mean as follows:

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- a) “Commission” means the Human Settlements Regulatory Commission.
 - b) Commission proper refers to the Commissioners of the Commission appointed by the President and its ex-officio members provided for in section 6 of this Order.
 - c) “Function” includes powers and duties.

ARTICLE IV. ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION, POWERS, DUTIES

Section 4. Creation of the Human Settlements Regulatory Commission.

- a) There is hereby established a Human Settlements Regulatory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, with powers and attributes of a quasi-judicial body which shall be attached to the Ministry of Human Settlements.

Section 5. Powers and Duties of the Commission.

- a) Promulgate zoning and other land use control standards and guidelines which shall govern land use plans and zoning ordinances of local governments; the zoning components of civil works and infrastructure projects of the national, regional and local governments; subdivision or estate development projects of both the public and private sectors; and urban renewal plans, programs and projects: provided that the zoning and other land use control standards and guidelines to be promulgated hereunder shall respect the classification of public lands for forest purposes as certified by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
 - b) Review, evaluate and approve or disapprove comprehensive land use development plans and zoning ordinances of local governments; and the zoning components of civil works and infrastructure projects of national, regional and local governments; subdivisions, condominiums or estate development projects including industrial estates, of both the public and private sectors and urban renewal plans, programs and projects: Provided, that the Land use Development Plans and Zoning Ordinances of Local Governments herein subject to review, evaluation and approval of the commission shall respect the classification of public lands for forest purposes as certified by the Ministry of Natural Resources: Provided, further, that the classification of specific alienable and disposable lands by the Bureau of Lands shall be in accordance with the relevant zoning ordinance of Local government where it exists: and provided, finally, that in cities and municipalities where there are as yet no zoning ordinances, the Bureau of Lands may dispose of specific alienable and disposable lands in accordance with its own classification scheme subject to the condition that the classification of these lands may be subsequently changed by the local governments in accordance with their particular zoning ordinances which may be promulgated later.
 - c) Issue rules and regulations to enforce the land use policies and human settlements as provided for in Presidential Decrees No. 399, 815, 933, 957, 1216, 1344, 1396, 1517, Letter of Instructions No. 713, 729, 833, 935 and other related laws regulating the use of land including the regulatory aspects of the Urban Land Reform Act and all decrees relating to regulation of the value of land and improvements, and their rental.
 - d) Ensure compliance with policies, plans, standards and guidelines on human settlements promulgated in paragraph (a) of this section.
 - e) Conduct public hearings relating to its functions.
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- f) Act as the appellate body on decisions and actions of local and regional planning and zoning bodies and of the deputized officials of the Commission, on matters arising from the performance of these functions.
 - g) Promote, encourage, coordinate and assist private enterprises and government agencies and instrumentalities in planning, developing and coordinating human settlements plans programs by furnishing legal, technical and professional assistance.
 - h) Develop and implement prototype projects supportive of its regulatory functions either by itself or as part of an inter-agency group or by contract with such appropriate public or private entities as it may deem proper.
 - i) Call on any government employee or any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government or private entities and organizations for cooperation and assistance in the exercise of its functions.
 - j) Adopt rules of procedures for the conduct of its business.
 - k) Staff its organization with appropriate and qualified personnel in accordance with that is deemed proper or necessary to achieve the objectives of the Commission.
 - l) Make or enter into contracts of any kind of nature to enable it to discharge its functions under this Order.
 - m) Acquire, purchase own, lease, mortgage, sell or otherwise dispose of any land, or any improvements thereon, or property of any kind, movable and immovable, exercise the right of eminent domain by expropriating the land improvements thereon, which in the opinion of the Commission, are vital and necessary to develop and implement prototype projects supportive of its regulatory functions.
 - n) Charge and collect fees in the performance of its functions.
 - o) Impose administrative fine not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pesos (₱20,000.00) for any violation of its charter and of its rules and regulations.
 - p) Issue orders after conducting the appropriate investigation for the cessation or closure of any use or activity and to issue orders to vacate or demolish any building or structure that it determines to have violated or failed to comply with any of the laws, presidential decrees, letters of instructions, executive orders and other presidential issuances and directives being implemented by it, either on its own motion or upon complaint of any interested party.
 - q) Cite and declare any person, entity or enterprise in contempt of the Commission in the following case:
 - 1) Whenever any person entity or enterprise commits any disorderly or disrespectful conduct before the Commission or in the presence of its members or authorized representatives actually engaged in the exercise of their official functions, or during the conduct of any hearing or official inquiry by the said Commission, at the place or near the premises where such hearing or proceeding is being conducted with obstruct, distract, interfere or in any other way disturb, the performance of such functions or the conduct of such hearing or proceeding;
 - 2) Whenever any person, enterprise or entity fails or refuses to comply with or obey without justifiable reason, any lawful order, decision, writ or process of the Commission. In connection therewith, it may in cases falling within the first paragraph hereof, summarily impose a fine of an amount not exceeding ₱2,000.00 and order the confinement of the violator for a period that shall not exceed the duration of the hearing or proceeding or the performance of such functions, and in cases falling with the second paragraph hereof,
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it may, in addition to the administrative fine abovementioned, impose a fine of ₱500.00 for each day that the violation or failure or refusal to comply continues, and other the confinement of the offender until the order or decision shall have been complied with; In case the offender is a partnership, corporation or association or enterprise, the above fine shall be imposed on the assets of such entity and the president, managing partner or chief executive officer shall be ordered confined.

- r) Perform such other functions and activities which are necessary for the effective accomplishment of the abovementioned functions.

No injunction or restraining order shall lie against the Commission upon the ex parte motion or petition filed by any person or entity in the exercise by the Commission of its regulatory functions in support of the implementation of the Urban Land Reform Program as declared in Proclamation Nos. 1893 and 1967 and of other programs or projects as may be declared by the president as national priority.

Decisions of the Commission shall be appealable to the President of the Philippines whose decision shall be final subject only to review by the Supreme Court by certiorari or on questions of law.

Section 6. Commission Proper

a) Composition

The powers of the Commission shall be vested in a nine-man commission hereinafter referred to as the Commission Proper which shall consist of the following members:

- (i) The Minister of Human Settlements or in his absence the Deputy Minister, who shall act as Chairman.
- (ii) Four full-time Commissioners to be appointed by the President, one as the chief executive officer, and three who shall be assigned specific functions by the Commission Proper;
- (iii) The Deputy Minister of Justice;
- (iv) The Deputy Director-General of the National Economic & Development Authority;
- (v) The Deputy Minister of Local Government and Community Development; and
- (vi) The Deputy Minister of Public Works, as members.

The four full-time Commissioners and the Deputy Minister of Justice are hereby constituted as the Executive Committee of the Commission, and said committee shall act for and in behalf of the Commission Proper subject to the ratification of the latter.

Where a Ministry has more than one Deputy Minister, the Minister shall designate which Deputy Minister shall be a member of the Commission.

The Commission Proper shall maintain its secretary who shall be a lawyer, to be appointed by the Chairman upon recommendation of the chief executive officer. He shall have the same rank, salary and privileges as the directors of the Commission.

(b) Qualification and Tenure

Three of the full-time Commissioners shall be lawyers, while the other full-time Commissioner shall have a background or experience in planning, management or architecture or related

fields. These Commissioners shall at least have been engaged in the practice of their respective professions or specialization or employed in an appropriate office for a period of at least five (5) years. All the full-time Commissioners shall be appointed by the President for a term of six years each: Provided, however, that in the initial appointments, the chief executive officer shall have a term of six years while the three others shall have terms of five years, four years and two years respectively, as fixed in their respective appointments.

c) Salary and Privileges

The full-time Commissioners shall receive such salary and enjoy the privileges in accordance with existing laws. The ex-officio Commissioners shall be entitled to receive such honoraria and per diems as may be determined by the Commission Proper in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

Section 7. Duties and Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer. The chief executive officer shall have the following duties and responsibilities.

- a) To execute and/or administer the policies and measures approved by the Commission Proper.
- b) To appoint and maintain an adequate technical, legal and administrative staff; subject to the approval of the Commission Proper after the initial organization of the Commission. The Commission Proper may delegate this appointing power to the Chief Executive Officer.
- c) To direct, manager and supervise the day-to-day operations and internal administration of the Commission in accordance with the policies laid down by the Commission Proper.
- d) To establish the internal organization of the Commission subject to the approval of the Commission Proper.
- e) To prepare the agenda for the meetings of the commission proper.
- f) To submit, for the consideration of the Commission Proper the policies and measures which he believes necessary to carry out the purposes and provision of this order.
- g) To enter into contracts or agreements pursuant to policies or guidelines set by the Commission.
- h) To represent the Commission in all dealing with other offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the government, persons and entities, public or private, domestic, foreign or international, unless the chairman provides otherwise;
- i) To represent the Commission, either personally or through counsel, in any legal proceedings or actions;
- j) To exercise such other duties and responsibilities as may be vested in or assigned to him by the Commission Proper.

Decisions of the Chief Executive Officer shall be appealable to the Commission Proper.

The Chief Executive Officer may delegate any of his administrative responsibilities to other officials or employees of the Commission subject to the approval of the Commission Proper.

ARTICLE VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 8. Transfer of Functions. - The regulatory functions of the National Housing Authority pursuant to Presidential Decrees No. 957, 1216, 1344 and other related laws are hereby transferred to the Commission, together with such applicable personnel, appropriation, records, equipment and property necessary for the enforcement and implementation of such functions. Among these regulatory

functions are: 1) Regulation of the real estate trade and business; 2) Registration of subdivision lots and condominium projects; (3) Issuance of license to sell subdivision lots and condominium units in the registered units; (4) Approval of performance bond and the suspension of license to sell; (5) Registration of dealers, brokers and salesmen engaged in the business of selling subdivision lots or condominium units; (6) Revocation of registration of dealers, brokers and salesmen; (7) Approval or mortgage on any subdivision lot or condominium unit made by the owner of developer; (8) Granting of permits for the alteration of plans and the extension of period for completion of subdivision or condominium projects; (9) Approval of the conversion to other purposes of roads and open spaces found within the project which have been donated to the city or municipality concerned; (10) Regulation of the relationship between lessors and lessees; and (11) Hear and decide cases on unsound real estate business practices; claims involving refund filed against project owners, developers, dealers, brokers or salesmen and cases of specific performance.

Section 9. Income. - Authority is hereby vested on the Commission to directly utilize income generated from fees, fines, charges and other collections in the performance of its functions to defray operating expenses and provide allowances for its personnel.

Section 10. Professional and Technical Personnel. - The professional and technical personnel of the Commission shall be exempt from the wage and position classification of the Office of Compensation and Position Classification.

Section 11. Administrative Fines. - The Commission may prescribe and impose fines not exceeding ten thousand pesos for violations of the provisions of this executive order or of any rule or regulations thereunder. Fines shall be payable to the Commission and enforceable through writs of execution in accordance with the provisions of the rules of court. This fines shall be in addition to such other administrative sanctions as the Commission may impose.

Section 12. Penalties. - Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this executive order and/or any rule or regulation that may be issued pursuant to this decree shall, upon conviction by the appropriate court, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty thousand (₱20,000.00) pesos and/or imprisonment of prison correctional: Provided, that in the case of corporations, partnerships, cooperatives or associations, the president, manager or administrator or the person who has charge of the administration of the business shall be criminally responsible for any violation of this decree and/or the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

Section 13. Repealing Clause. - The provisions of Presidential Decree No. 933, P.D. No. 757 and P.D. No. 957 and all other laws, Presidential Decrees, Letter of Implementation and Executive Order inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 14. Separability Clause. - In case this Order or any part thereof is found to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason the remainder thereof not affected by declaration of invalidity shall remain in force and in effect.

Section 15. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of February, in the year of our lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 649

**REORGANIZING THE LAND REGISTRATION COMMISSION INTO THE NATIONAL LAND
TITLES AND DEEDS REGISTRATION ADMINISTRATION AND REGIONALIZING THE
OFFICES OF THE REGISTRARS THEREIN.**

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve the services and better systematize the operation of the Land Registration Commission in the Ministry of Justice;

WHEREAS, to this end it becomes necessary to reorganize and restructure the Land Registration Commission, including its provincial and city registries, and to regionalize said registries;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, as amended, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by Presidential Decree No. 1416, as amended, do hereby order and ordain the following:

SECTION 1. National Land Titles and Deeds Registration Administration; Creation of the Offices of the Administrator and Deputy Administrator. - The Land Registration Commission is hereby reorganized into an office to be known as the National Land Titles and Deeds Registration Administration. It shall have the following functions:

(1) Issue decrees of registration pursuant to final judgments of the courts in land registration proceedings and cause the issuance by the Registrars of Land Titles and Deeds of the corresponding certificates of title;

(2) Be the central repository of records relative to original registration of lands titled under the Torrens system, including subdivision and consolidation plans of titled lands; and

(3) Extend assistance to courts in ordinary and cadastral land registration proceedings and to the other agencies of the government in the implementation of the land reform program.

There are hereby created in the Administration the Offices of the Administrator and the Deputy Administrator.

The Administrator shall have the following powers and functions:

(1) Exercise supervision and control over all Registrars of Land Titles and Deeds and other personnel of the Administration;

(2) Resolve cases elevated en consulta by, or on appeal from decisions of, Registrars of Land Titles and Deeds;

- (3) Exercise executive supervision over all clerks of court and personnel of the Courts of First Instance throughout the Philippines with respect to the discharge of their duties and functions in relation to the registration of lands;
- (4) Implement all orders, decisions, and decrees promulgated relative to the registration of lands and issue, subject to the approval of the Minister of Justice, all needful rules and regulations therefor; and
- (5) Verify and approve subdivision, consolidation, and consolidation-subdivision survey plans of properties titled under Act No. 496 except those covered by P.D. No. 957.

The Deputy Administrator shall act as Administrator during the absence or disability of the Administrator and when there is a vacancy in the position until another person shall have been designated or appointed in accordance with law. The Deputy Administrator shall also perform such other functions as the Administrator may assign to him.

SEC. 2. Creation of Departments and Division in the Administration. - There are hereby created the following departments and divisions in the Administration:

(a) Administration and Personnel Management Department to be headed by a Manager for Personnel Management and Administration. There shall be under this Department the following divisions:

- (1) Administrative Services Division to be headed by a Chief Administrative Officer;
- (2) Personnel Management Division to be headed by a Chief Personnel Officer;
- (3) Docket Division to be headed by a Docket Chief.

(b) Legal Affairs Department to be headed by a Manager for Legal Affairs. There shall be under this Department the following divisions:

- (1) Clerk of Court Division to be headed a Chief Clerk of Court;
- (2) Inspection and Investigation Division to be headed by a Chief Registry Inspector;
- (3) Law Division to be headed by a Chief Legal Officer.

(c) Department on Registration to be headed by a Manager for Registration.

(3) Financial Management Department to be headed by a Manager for Financial Management. There shall be under this Department the following Divisions:

- (1) Accounting Division to be headed by a Chief Accountant;
- (2) Budget and Finance Division to be headed by a Chief Financial Officer.

There shall be a Security Division under the Office of the Administrator which shall be headed by a Chief Security Officer.

SEC. 3. Creation of Regional Registries of Land Titles and Deeds. - There are hereby created thirteen (13) regional Registries of Land Titles and Deeds, one for each of the following regions:

Region I, consisting of the provinces of Abra, Benguet, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Mountain Province, and Pangasinan, and the cities of Baguio, Dagupan, Laoag and San Carlos, with center at San Fernando, La Union;

Region II, consisting of the provinces of Batanes, Cagayan, Ifugao, Isabela, Kalinga-Apayao, Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino, with center at Tuguegarao, Cagayan;

Region III, consisting of the provinces of Bataan, Bulacan (except the municipality of Valenzuela), Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, and Zambales, and the cities of Angeles, Cabanatuan, Olongapo, Palayan and San Jose, with center at San Fernando, Pampanga;

The National Capital Region, consisting of the cities of Manila, Quezon, Pasay and Caloocan, and the municipalities of Navotas, Malabon, San Juan, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasig, Pateros, Taguig, Marikina, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Muntinlupa and Valenzuela;

Region IV, consisting of the provinces of Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Marinduque, Mindoro Occidental, Mindoro Oriental, Palawan, Quezon, Rizal (except the cities and municipalities embraced within the National Capital Region), Romblon, and Aurora, and the cities of Batangas, Cavite, Lipa, Lucena, Puerto Princesa, San Pablo, Tagaytay and Trece Martires, with center at Rizal;

Region V, consisting of the provinces of Albay, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Catanduanes, Masbate, and Sorsogon, and the cities of Legaspi, Naga and Iriga, with center at Legaspi City;

Region VI, consisting of the provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, and Negros Occidental, and the cities of Bacolod, Bago, Cadiz, Iloilo, La Carlota, Roxas, San Carlos and Silay, and the subprovince of Guimaras, with center at Iloilo City;

Region VII, consisting of the provinces of Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, and Siquijor, and the cities of Bais, Canlaon, Cebu, Danao, Dumaguete, Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue, Tagbilaran and Toledo, with center at Cebu City;

Region VIII, consisting of the provinces of Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar, Southern Leyte, and Western Samar, the subprovince of Biliran, and the cities of Calbayog, Ormoc and Tacloban, with center at Tacloban City;

Region IX, consisting of the provinces of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga del Norte, and Zamboanga del Sur, and the cities of Dapitan, Dipolog, Pagadian and Zamboanga, with center at Zamboanga City;

Region X, consisting of the provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Bukidnon, Camiguin, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, and Surigao del Norte, and the cities of Butuan, Cagayan de Oro, Gingoog, Ozamiz, Oroquieta, Surigao and Tangub, with center at Cagayan de Oro City;

Region XI, consisting of the provinces of Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao del Sur, South Cotabato, and Surigao del Sur, and the cities of Davao and General Santos with center at Davao City; and

Region XII, consisting of the provinces of Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat, and the cities of Cotabato, Iligan and Marawi, with center at Cotabato City.

There shall be as many registrars of land titles and deeds as there are provinces and cities in the region. Each registrar shall be assisted by at least one deputy registrar. An additional position for deputy registrar may be created in any registry whenever the yearly average workload for the last three years in the particular registry shall warrant such creation, as recommended by the Administrator and approved by the Ministry of Justice.

Every registrar of land titles and deeds shall be appointed to a particular province or city within the region and may be assigned to any other province or city within the region by the Minister of Justice upon recommendation of the Administrator when the public interest so requires.

SEC. 4. Appointment, Qualification, Rank and Salary of Officials and Subordinate Personnel. - The Administrator, the Deputy Administrator, the Regional Registrar of Land Titles and Deeds, the Assistant Regional Registrar of Land Titles and Deeds, and the Provincial/City Registrars of Land Titles and Deeds, shall be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Minister of Justice. All other officers and personnel of the Administration shall be appointed by the Minister of Justice upon recommendation of the Administrator.

The Administrator shall have the same qualifications, rank and salary as those of an Associate Justice of a collegiate appellate court.

The Deputy Administrator shall have the same qualifications as those required of the Administrator; and shall have the same rank and salary as those of a judge of the Court of First Instance.

The Regional Registrars of Land Titles and Deeds and the Assistant Regional Registrars of Land Titles and Deeds shall be members of the Bar and shall, at the time of their appointments, have engaged in the practice of law for at least five (5) years, or for the same period, shall have held a position in the government requiring as a requisite therefor membership in the Bar.

The Managers for Administration and Personnel Management and for Legal Affairs and the Provincial/City Registrars of Land Titles and Deeds and their Deputies, shall be members of the Bar. The Manager for Registration shall be a Geodetic Engineer. All other positions in the Administration shall continue to be covered by the qualification standards/guidelines fixed for the respective positions by the Civil Service Commission.

The officers and personnel mentioned in the immediately preceding paragraph shall receive the same salaries attaching to comparable positions in other offices/agencies/commissions/boards under the Ministry of Justice.

SEC. 5. Regional Registry of Land Titles and Deeds; Staff and Employees. - Each Regional Registry of Land Titles and Deeds shall be under the supervision and control of the Administrator. It shall have a Regional Registrar of Land Titles and Deeds and an Assistant Regional Registrar of Land Titles and Deeds, Provided: That the Registrar of the province/city which is the center of the region shall be concurrently Regional Registrar of Land Titles and Deeds for that region and the Deputy Registrar of said province/city shall be concurrently Assistant Regional Registrar of Land Titles and Deeds thereof; Provided, further; That, with respect to the National Capital Region, the Administrator and the Deputy Administrator shall be the Regional Registrar and Assistant Regional Registrar, respectively, of said region; Provided, Finally, That it shall be the President who shall appoint the Provincial/City Registrar and the Deputy Provincial/City Registrar of the province/city which is the center of the region referred to in this section.

Every Regional Registrar shall be assisted by a supportive staff as shall be provided for in the staffing pattern to be submitted by the Administrator.

SEC. 6. The Regional Registrar of Land Titles and Deed; Functions. - The Regional Registrar of Land Titles and Deeds shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Exercise immediate administrative supervision over all Provincial and City Registrar of Land Titles and Deeds and other personnel within the region;
- (b) Implement all orders, decisions and decrees promulgated relative to the registration of land within the region and issue, subject to the approval of the Administrator, all needful rules and regulations therefor;
- (c) Implement policies, programs, memoranda, orders, circulars and rules and regulations of the Administration;

- (d) Answer queries relative to registration of deeds, without prejudice to the authority of the Administrator to resolve consultas pursuant to the provision of Section 1 hereof;
- (e) Coordinate with local governments, with regional offices of other ministries, with police units and with the courts, in their respective territorial jurisdiction;
- (f) Extend speedy and effective assistance to the Ministry of Human Settlements, the Regional Offices of the Ministry of Agrarian Reform, the Land Bank of the Philippines and other agencies in the implementation of the humanization and land reform program of the government in the region; and
- (g) Approve applications for sick, vacation and maternity leaves of absence with or without pay, for a period not exceeding six months, for overtime services, and for official travel within the region for periods not exceeding thirty days.

SEC. 7. Office, Space, Maintenance and Other Incidental Expenses. - Until regional government centers in each of the administrative regions, as provided in the Integrated Reorganization Plan, shall have been constructed, the Budget Ministry and other agencies concerned are hereby directed to provide the Administration a suitable building and space to house the Regional Registry of Land Titles and Deeds created herein. Rental costs and other expenses incident to the maintenance of the Regional Registry shall be paid out of the national funds.

The province or city shall furnish a suitable space or building for the Office of the Registrar of Land Titles and Deeds until such time as the same could be furnished out of national funds.

SEC. 8. Abolition of Existing Positions in the Land Registration Commission. - The President shall issue the necessary implementing orders specifying the details of the reorganization provided herein.

All structural units in the Land Registration Commission and in the registries of deeds, and all positions therein shall cease to exist from the date specified in the implementing order to be issued by the President pursuant to the preceding paragraph. Their pertinent functions, applicable appropriations, records, equipment and property shall be transferred to the appropriate staff or offices herein created.

SEC. 9. Incumbents; Vacation of Offices. - The provision of the second paragraph of the preceding section notwithstanding, all officials and employees in the Land Registration Commission central office as well as in the registries of deeds shall continue in office until, and shall vacate the same only upon, the appointment and qualification of the officials and employees to whom their powers, functions and responsibilities substantially pertain.

An incumbent who is appointed by the President or by the Minister of Justice, as the case may be, to a similar or equivalent position created in the Executive Order shall be allowed to receive either the salary rate authorized for the position or his present salary whichever is higher.

SEC. 10. Staffing Pattern. - The Administrator shall, upon consultation with, and with the approval of the Minister of Justice, submit to the President, within ninety (90) days from the issuance of this Executive Order, a staffing pattern which shall be the basis of the implementing order to be issued by the President. The President shall issue appointments to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the National Land Titles and Deeds Registration Administration and to the Regional Registrars and the Assistant Regional Registrars of Land Titles and Deeds, and the Minister of Justice shall issue appointments to the rest of the personnel of the Administration, upon promulgation of the pertinent implementing order.

SEC. 11. Payment of Gratuity. - All officers and employees who may be separated or removed from the service by reason of the reorganization authorized herein shall be granted a gratuity at a rate equivalent to one month's salary for every year of continuous satisfactory service rendered, or the equivalent nearest fraction thereof favorable to them on the basis of the highest salary

received: Provided, That any such officer or employee already entitled to gratuity or pension under existing law shall have the option to select between said gratuity or pension and the gratuity provided for in this Executive Order.

The officers and employees referred to in the preceding paragraph shall not lose their civil service eligibilities and their names shall be entered in a preferential re-employment list so as to facilitate their reappointment to appropriate positions created pursuant to this Executive Order.

SEC. 12. Appropriation - For the initial implementation of the provisions of this Executive Order, the appropriation of the Land Registration Commission for Calendar Year 1981 shall be applied and in case of deficiency, such sum as may be necessary to augment the same shall be taken from savings of the Ministry of Justice and/or income of the Land Registration Commission under Sections 113 and 116 of P.D. No. 1529 which is hereby appropriated for the purpose, subject to Section 40 of P.D. No. 1177.

SEC. 13. Repealing Clause. - All acts, laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of instructions and regulations or any part thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SEC. 14. Separability Clause. - If for any reason, any section or provision of this Order is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions of this Order which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SEC. 15. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 650
RESTRUCTURING THE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER BY INCREASING
ITS CAPITALIZATION

WHEREAS, under the Loan Agreement between the Philippine Government and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the purpose of funding the Third Urban Development Project, the Government undertook to enter into a Subsidiary Investment Agreement with the Technology Resource Center (TRC) whereby the Government shall infuse additional equity into TRC to enable TRC to carry out the Livelihood Component of the Urban Development Project;

WHEREAS, the said Subsidiary Investment Agreement was signed on August 11, 1980 between TRC and the Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Government;

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase TRC's authorized capital since the same is insufficient to accommodate this additional equity infusion and in order to enable TRC to implement the Livelihood Component of the Urban Development Project and other technology delivery projects utilizing foreign and/or domestically sourced funds;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

Section 1. The capitalization of TRC is hereby increased to TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE MILLION PESOS (₱235,000,000.00) whereby the additional amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (₱150,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the Government not otherwise appropriated which amount shall be programmed and released to TRC by the Ministry of the Budget.

Section 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.

Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 651
REQUIRING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO COMPLY
STRICTLY WITH THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS ON WITHHOLDING OF TAXES.

WHEREAS, a number of government offices, agencies and instrumentalities, including provincial, city and municipal governments, as well as government-owned or controlled corporations are delinquent in their duty to withholding and remit to the Bureau of Internal Revenue the taxes imposed by the National Internal Revenue Code;

WHEREAS, every government office or agency must show full and faithful compliance with tax laws and regulations, and serve as a model to the taxpaying public;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree Nos. 1705 and 1773, any employee or officer of any government office or agency, charged with the duty to withhold and remit internal revenue taxes within the time prescribed, is personally liable to surcharges and interests arising from delinquencies in withholding and remittance of taxes, in addition to a fine of not less than five thousand pesos (₱5,000) and an imprisonment of not less than one (1) year nor more than two (2) year.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby direct all ministries, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the Philippines and provincial, city or municipal governments, as well as government-owned or controlled corporations to comply strictly with the requirement for withholding and remittance of internal revenue taxes imposed by the National Internal Revenue Code. Every ministry, agency, office, or instrumentality shall submit to the Bureau of Internal Revenue the name and position of the employee or officer charged with the duty to withhold and remit taxes, not later than sixty (60) days from the issuance of this Order, and any change of designation thereafter shall be reported within ten (10) days from the date thereof.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 652
EXPANDING THE POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 544, SERIES OF 1979 AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY
APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, hereby amend Executive Order No. 544, as follows:

The Committee for the Conservation of the Tamaraw created under Executive Order No. 544, Series of 1979, is hereby granted the following powers and functions:

- a. Supervise, manage and perform all things necessary and appropriate for the preservation, conservation, and propagation of the wildlife presently located within Calait, Island of Busuanga;
- b. Call on any government agency, office or instrumentality or local governments, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines, for such assistance as it may deem necessary in the performance of this additional function.

The Committee is hereby authorized to engage the services of such technical personnel, in addition to its Technical Staff set up under Executive Order No. 544, as may be necessary to perform its function as provided herein.

All funds appropriated for the Calait Game Preserve and Sanctuary Project which are presently with the Ministry of Natural Resources, including funds appropriated for the relocation of settlers in the area, are hereby transferred to the said Committee.

Henceforth, all future appropriations for the project shall be included in the regular appropriation act of the government.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 653

**FURTHER EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY
GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS (PCSGC) CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 464,
SERIES OF 1976**

WHEREAS, a study of the government corporate sector which has become an increasingly critical facet of governmental administration, is being undertaken pursuant to Executive Order No. 464, as amended;

WHEREAS, in the conduct of such study, there is need to update financial and other relevant data with respect to the operations of individual government corporations, particularly the ones recently created, that will make possible a comparative analysis over time of their operations and relative performance;

WHEREAS, this comparative analysis will provide a much more relevant basis for the development of appropriate recommendations; and

WHEREAS, it would be well to maintain the PCSGC as the proper body to oversee the implementation of recommendations as may be eventually approved and adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The term of the Presidential Committee to Study Government Corporations is hereby extended up to December 31, 1981.

SEC. 2. The Committee is directed to submit its report and recommendations to the President not later than June 30, 1981, and to oversee the installation and implementation of such of its recommendations as may be approved and adopted by the appropriate authorities during the period immediately following their approval up to December 31, 1981.

SEC. 3. The operating expenses to be incurred for undertaking the corporation study for the period January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981 shall be taken from such additional funds as may be made available for this purpose.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 654
FURTHER DEFINING CERTAIN FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE
PUBLIC ESTATES AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Public Estates Authority has been created under Presidential Decree No. 1084 in order to provide a coordinated, economical and efficient administration of lands and real estate, especially reclaimed lands, belonging to, managed and/or operated by the Government;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 525, the Public Estates Authority shall be the agency primarily responsible for integrating, directing and coordinating all reclamation projects for and in behalf of the National Government;

WHEREAS, large reclamation projects can provide vital infrastructures for the Government's overall economic and social development programs on a self-liquidating basis;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adapt certain powers and functions of Public Estates Authority to the attainment of its objectives on a self-liquidating basis;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. The Authority is hereby classified among the infrastructure/utilities group of corporations under Letter of Implementation No. 97 and shall operate on a self-liquidating basis. In line with Corporate Budget Circular No. 7 dated January 8, 1981, the Authority is hereby granted autonomy:

- a. To modify its organization as its Board may deem necessary and appropriate to achieve its objectives and aims; and
- b. To invest its funds and assets in such ventures, investments, and undertakings as may be considered appropriate to ensure their full utilization consistent with the objectives of the Authority.

SEC. 2. In the disposition of its assets and properties, the Authority shall have the authority to determine the kind and manner of payment for the transfer thereof to any third party.

SEC. 3. In line with existing policy applied to other government corporations, and to ensure that the chief executive officer of the Authority is at least partly accountable for the policies of the Authority, the General Manager of the Authority shall be an ex-officio member of its Board of Directors the number of which is hereby increased from five to seven members.

SEC. 4. All lands, buildings and other real properties of the Authority shall be exempt from the payment of real estate taxes.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions herein are hereby modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 26th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.

Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 655

ENJOINING THE WIDESPREAD APPLICATION OF GASIFIER EQUIPMENT FOR IRRIGATION AND OTHER FARM-RELATED PURPOSES, AND DESIGNATING THE FARM SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AS THE LEAD AGENCY IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to increase food production in order to cope with the demand of an expanding population;

WHEREAS, the Farm Systems Development Corporation (FSDC), through its BISA Program, is mandated to assist in the food production effort by setting up small-scale irrigation systems owned and operated by Irrigators' Service Associations;

WHEREAS, the FSDC, in line with the implementation of the BISA Program, has demonstrated the feasible application of gasifier equipment for irrigation systems and other farm-related purposes, as a means of reducing dependence of rural enterprises on costly petroleum-based products; and

WHEREAS, the use of gasifier equipment to complement the use of traditional fuels in applications such as irrigation, electricity generation and transportation shall be henceforth promoted as an alternative energy source;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Farm Systems Development Corporation shall have primary responsibility for undertaking activities leading to widespread utilization for irrigation and other farm-related applications, of gasifier equipment using wood charcoal and other agricultural wastes as fuels.

SEC. 2. Such activities shall include, but need not be limited to:

- a. The production and manufacture of gasifier equipment, and technical assistance to end-users in the installation and maintenance of such equipment;
- b. The identification of the most suitable markets and prospective users of such technology;
- c. The encouragement and availment of the appropriate participation of the private and/or public sectors in the distribution and utilization of such technology, considering further the different requirements of small-scale and large-scale users;
- d. The development of provincial, regional or national programs and strategies for implementing the application and use of such technology;
- e. The implementation of such projects and programs as are needed for the utilization of such technology;
- f. The determination of such specific and general incentives as may be necessary to effect increasing acceptance of the general use of such technology; and
- g. The establishment of such measures of performance as may result in the meaningful monitoring of the progress of their activities.

SEC. 3. In the pursuance of its activities as herein directed, the Farm Systems Development Corporation shall utilize its resources as may be necessary and expedient in order to insure the success

of this project. For this purpose, it may create a subsidiary and/or other special groups as may be necessary to enable it to more efficiently discharge its responsibilities.

SEC. 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**

Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 656

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 81, SERIES OF 1967, CREATING A COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE THE INVESTIGATION, HANDLING AND DISPOSITION OF APPREHENDED ILLEGAL ENTRANTS AND FOREIGN VESSELS VIOLATING PHILIPPINE LAWS.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government maintains and promotes harmonious relations and cooperation with neighboring countries;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government adopted the archipelagic doctrine as a national policy to safeguard its territorial integrity and of its sovereign right to explore and exploit, convert and manage its marine resources;

WHEREAS, there is an observed increase of cases of illegal entrants and incursions of foreign vessels into Philippine waters;

WHEREAS, there is a felt need to reconstitute and strengthen the Committee aforesated in order to ensure speedy disposition of cases pertaining to illegal entrants and incursions of foreign vessels into Philippine Waters:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby reconstitute the membership of said Committee hereinafter referred to as the Committee on Illegal Entrants (CIE) to be composed of representatives from the following agencies of the government:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Chairman
National Intelligence and Security Authority	Member
Commission on Immigration and Deportation	Member
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	Member
Finance Ministry Intelligence Bureau	Member
Bureau of Customs	Member
Philippine Constabulary	Member
Philippine Coast Guard	Member
Philippine Navy	Member
Office of the Chief State Prosecutor	Member

The Committee shall investigate or cause to be investigated cases pertaining to illegal entrants and incursions of foreign vessels into Philippine waters.

The disposition of these cases by the Committee shall be final unless otherwise directed by higher authorities or provided for by law.

The Committee shall have the authority to formulate policies, promulgate and implement its rules and regulations and call upon any agency of the government for necessary assistance in the attainment of its objectives.

Administrative and logistical requirements shall be borne equally by each of the member-agencies.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 657
EXTENDING THE BALIKBAYAN PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINOS FOR A PERIOD OF
FIVE YEARS BEGINNING 1 MARCH 1981 TO 28 FEBRUARY 1986.

I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby extend for a period of five (5) years beginning 1 March 1981 to 28 February 1986, the Balikbayan Program for Overseas Filipinos including citizens or permanent residents of other lands, featuring the same privileges, incentives and/or benefits provided for in Letter of Instructions No. 210 issued on 20 August 1974.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of February, 1981, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 658
CREATION OF A COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT PLANNING

WHEREAS, certain ministries and agencies are involved in transport planning activities within their respective areas of jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, there is need to ensure more effective interministerial coordination in the formulation and implementation of government plans and programs relating to transport development in the country; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Creation. - There is hereby created a Committee on Transport Planning in the National Economic and Development Authority to be composed of the following: the Minister of Economic Planning, the Minister of Transportation and Communications, the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Public Highways and the Minister of Tourism. The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the members on a rotation basis and for such periods as may be determined by the Committee.

Membership in the Committee shall be open to other Ministers as may be deemed necessary by the Committee; or alternatively, other Ministers concerned may be invited to attend and participate in particular meetings and deliberations of the Committee where the subject matter involves their respective ministries.

SEC. 2. Meetings. - The Committee shall hold meetings as often as may be necessary, provided that there shall at least be one meeting every month. The members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diems for actual attendance in meetings of the Committee.

SEC. 3. Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee. - The Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To advise the President and the NEDA Board on matters concerning transport planning and development;
- b. To coordinate inter-ministerial activities of individual agencies and instrumentalities concerned with transport planning and development;
- c. To formulate government policies, plans and priorities on transport planning and development in order to ensure consistency with national development objectives and priorities established by the NEDA Board;
- d. To set the general goals and guidelines necessary for the pre-planning and planning activities of the agencies concerned during the planning cycle, and to undertake the review and integration of the

various modal transport plans, programs and projects in relation to the transportation component of the over-all national development plan, and where deemed necessary, to the annual budgetary cycle.

e. To serve as the mechanism for the integration, coordination, and rationalization of inter- and intra-modal plans for transport planning and development, especially at the inter-ministerial level; and

f. To regularly monitor development plans and trends, both local and international, affecting transport facilities and services.

SEC. 4. Technical Staff and Secretariat. - The Inter-Agency Technical Committee on Transport Planning created under Memorandum Order No. 473 of the President shall, in addition to its present duties, act as the Technical Staff and Secretariat of the Committee.

SEC. 5. Financial Requirements. - The operations of the Committee shall be supported by contributions from the various agencies represented in the Committee, from funds as are made available to the Inter-Agency Technical Committee on Transport Planning, as well as from funds as may be released by the Ministry of the Budget from existing appropriations.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 659
DEFINING THE SCOPE OF SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS

For the purpose of defining more clearly the conditions under which existing officials of the government may serve or participate in diplomatic missions abroad, I, Ferdinand E. Marcos, President and Prime Minister of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order as follows:

1. In addition to the regular functions, duties and responsibilities vested upon his office or position, any official of the government, whether elected or appointed, may be designated by the President/Prime Minister to perform special diplomatic assignments in other countries. Such special assignments shall be distinguished from and shall not constitute offices or positions as defined under existing laws.

2. Special diplomatic assignments shall be defined and categorized as follows:

- a. special missions with special objectives
- b. special acts
- c. special posts for limited or defined period

3. All the above-mentioned special diplomatic assignments, including the corresponding titles and ranks, may be carried concurrently with and in addition to existing responsibilities and duties of the designee. Said designation, however, shall expire upon completion of the tasks and objectives for which the mission or the act was directed, or upon termination of the period fixed therein.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of March, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 660
INCLUSION OF OPERATING MINES WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF SECTION 53 OF
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 463, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, mineral export is among the top foreign exchange earners of the country;

WHEREAS, in order to derive maximum benefits from the country's mineral resources, extraction must be maximized and accelerated;

WHEREAS, several operating mining companies have large and/or newly discovered ore reserves that could be developed by expanded operations;

WHEREAS, Section 53 of Presidential Decree No. 463, as amended, limits the tax exemption privileges to new mines and old mines resuming operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the inclusion of operating mines with large and/or newly discovered ore reserves among those to be entitled to tax exemption under Section 53 of Presidential Decree No. 463, as amended, as determined by the Minister of Natural Resources upon recommendation of the Director of Mines and Geo-Sciences: PROVIDED, However, that the period of tax exemption shall commence from the date of the first bona fide order of machineries, equipment, tools for production, plants to convert mineral ores into saleable form, spare parts, supplies, materials, accessories, explosives, chemicals and transportation and communication facilities needed for expanded operations and to end two (2) years from the date of first expanded operation, subject to rules and regulations issued by the Minister of Natural Resources upon recommendation of the Director of Mines and Geo-Sciences.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 661
CREATING A TASK FORCE ON THE ACCELERATED BLISS DEVELOPMENT OF
THE TONDO FORESHORE

WHEREAS, the Tondo Foreshore, historically the largest and most depressed slum community in the country, is the venue of the first integrated and comprehensive slum improvement and resettlement project of the government and serves as the model for the nationwide Slum Improvement and Resettlement Program;

WHEREAS, the slum improvement and resettlement program in the Tondo Foreshore has provided the framework and the foundation for the development of the community to be pursued to final completion, thereby achieving the establishment of a human settlement as conceptualized under the Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services (BLISS) Program;

WHEREAS, the slum improvement and resettlement program has improved the quality of life of beneficiary families in the Tondo Foreshore, but the blight and slum-like appearance of the community have continued to undermine the significance of the developmental effort of the government in the area;

WHEREAS, the people of Tondo Foreshore have demonstrated their determined effort to eliminate the remaining blight and slum-like appearance of their community through self-help housing improvements and it is the objective of government to support such community effort as the basis of an accelerated BLISS development in the area;

WHEREAS, the accelerated BLISS development of the Tondo Foreshore shall provide the opportunity to create a model for the second stage development effort that should follow in every slum or blighted community which is the target of the nationwide slum improvement and resettlement program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Task Force on the accelerated BLISS Development of the Tondo Foreshore which shall be composed of the Minister of Human Settlements as Chairperson and the following as Members:

- (1) The Minister of Natural Resources
- (2) The Minister of Trade
- (3) The Minister of Public Information
- (4) The Minister of the Budget
- (5) The Minister of Industry
- (6) The Minister of Public Highways
- (7) The Minister of Public Works
- (8) The Minister of Finance
- (9) The Minister of Agriculture
- (10) The Minister of Social Services Development

Section 2. The functions of the Task Force shall be as follows:

- a. To pursue accelerated development of Tondo Foreshore into a human settlement as conceptualized under the BLISS Program;
- b. To determine the source and make available such funds needed to support housing material and construction loans to bonafide beneficiaries and other corollary and special projects to be undertaken in pursuance of the objectives of the Task Force;
- c. To cause the immediate resolution of land issues in the Tondo Foreshore leading to the award to beneficiaries of land titles over their allocated homelots;
- d. To promote and strengthen community participation and involvement in all aspects of the development effort;
- e. To cause the design and implementation of an expanded livelihood program;
- f. To cause the completion of on-going works and the construction of major infrastructure support requirements of the Tondo Foreshore;
- g. To determine and cause the design and construction of special projects such as the development of the Metro Manila Commission Center in selected sites of the Tondo Foreshore;
- h. To establish adequate and desirable design and standards for the redevelopment of housing and related social infrastructure in the Tondo Foreshore;
- i. To submit periodic report to the President on the program of the accelerated BLISS development in the Tondo Foreshore.

The members of the inter-ministry committee may designate their respective representatives, provided that such representatives are empowered to decide and/or act on their Minister's behalf.

The Task Force shall have an Executive Committee which shall be headed by the Deputy Minister of Human Settlements with the following as Members:

- (1) The Director, Bureau of Lands
- (2) The Commissioner, National Land Titles and Deeds Registration Administration
- (3) The Director-General, Technology Resource Center
- (4) The General Manager, National Housing Authority
- (5) The Deputy Minister of Public Works
- (6) The Deputy Minister of the Budget
- (7) The General Manager, Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System
- (8) The Vice-Governor, Metro Manila Commission
- (9) The Chairman, Development Bank of the Philippines

Section 3. The National Housing Authority, as agency-in-charge of the Tondo Foreshore Development Project, is designated lead agency in the planning and implementation of the development programs to be undertaken by the Task Force. The Tondo Foreshore Development Project Office of that agency shall be expanded to provide the organizational capacity that the accelerated development programs shall require. Technical personnel from government agencies, particularly from the Ministry of Human Settlements and its attached agencies, may be detailed to the Tondo Foreshore Project for the above purpose.

Section 4. To give the Project the benefit of experience of both the government and the private sectors, the Task Force shall seek the participation and involvement of private individuals with the expertise on specific aspects of the development program. Specifically, in order to surface and develop

the individual preferences of beneficiary families and provide expression for authentic Filipino architecture and culture, the Task Force shall solicit the assistance of the private sector in evolving the design and standards for housing construction and renovation.

Section 5. The following government agencies shall be primarily responsible for the provision of technical and administrative support to the National Housing Authority in the planning and implementation of specific project components as indicated, to wit:

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| a. Bureau of Lands | - Titling, award and resolution of land issues |
| b. Technology Resource Center | - Design and Implementation of Livelihood Program |
| d. Development Bank of the Philippines | - Housing Material and Construction Loans |
| e. National Housing Corporation | - Production of standard housing components |

Section 6. The Ministry of Public Highways shall cause the construction of major roads such as the R-10 and C-2 and such other major road network that future development programs shall require. In addition, the MPW shall cause the reclamation of such areas needed for the development of the Metro Manila Commission Center within the Project area. For the above purposes, it shall include in its annual budget the funding requirements for such project components it has been tasked to undertake.

Section 7. The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System shall cause the completion of the water system within the project area to a level of service that shall make available adequate water supply to individual households thereat.

Section 8. The Metropolitan Manila Commission shall, in coordination with the National Housing Authority, identify and cause the design and development of the site for its offices and for other related agencies providing Metro Manila-wide services.

Section 9. The reclaimed area of Vitas Tondo Foreshore, which pursuant to Letter of Instruction No. 299 dated 29 July 1975 is a component part of the Tondo Foreshore Development Project, shall be developed as a commercial/industrial estate. For this purpose, the Bureau of Lands shall title the land in the name of the National Housing Authority which shall, under the direction of the Task Force, plan and implement its development.

Section 10. In view of the urgency of this project and in order not to delay its implementation per time table for its completion, the Task Force shall be exempted from the pertinent provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1594 and other presidential issuances, rules and regulations requiring public bidding and instead, it shall be authorized to enter into negotiated contracts with prequalified and competent contractors and suppliers for all the work components of the project covering infrastructure works, supply of materials, labor and services and other related project components.

Section 11. The Ministry of the Budget shall release to the Task Force the amount of ₱5 Million from the Special Activities Fund of the President which amount shall be used to fund its initial administrative and operational activities. In consultation with the Ministry of Human Settlements, the Ministry of the Budget shall likewise identify the source and make available the funds that the above-cited development program for the Tondo Foreshore shall require. In this regard, the Ministry of the Budget shall ensure that project components to be undertaken by each responsible government agency are included for funding allocation in the yearly budget.

Section 12. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 12th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 662

**CREATING THE NATIONAL DENDRO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PRESCRIBING ITS
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

WHEREAS, indigenous and renewable energy sources are now necessary to provide adequate, reliable, cheap sources of energy for economic development;

WHEREAS, tree farms and dendro thermal power plants can now serve as a substantive fuel source for electric power, for industry, and ultimately for transportation;

WHEREAS, the farming of trees for energy purposes on land denuded of forests can likewise also achieve major ecological benefits, can expand the arable area of the country, allow landless farmers to have their farms, create new income, thereby significantly alleviate the problems of the rural landless poor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. There is hereby created a National Dendro Development Corporation (NDDC) to plan and implement a national dendro development program to attain national objectives in energy production, reforestation and rural employment.

2. The purpose of the Corporation shall be as follows:

- a. establishment of fast growing tree farms utilizing for the purpose, lands currently unused or severely underutilized,
- b. development of transportation systems to move the tree products to processing plants and consumers,
- c. development of processing plants and industries to convert the tree products to fuels and other products desired by the consumers,
- d. development and implementation of a marketing system to stabilize supply and prices and to interface between consumers and tree producers and processors,
- e. research and development on processes to convert tree products into forms most suitable for use by consumers and on the agronomic aspects of improved tree farming techniques and improved tree varieties.

3. The Corporation shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To prepare, plan and implement a national dendro development program to carry out the above purposes.
- b. To promote, encourage and assist public services and private entities and government agencies and corporations having related functions and purposes, in planning, developing, coordinating, establishing, operating, maintaining, repairing, and renovating facilities and systems for production, and for such purpose to furnish, to the extent possible and without

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- charge therefore, technical and professional assistance and guidance, information, data and the results of any investigation, study, or report conducted or made by it.
- c. To invest and/or grant loans to public service and private entities for tree planting, for the development of tree farms, the construction or acquisition, operation and maintenance of tree processing, marketing and transportation equipment plant, facilities and related properties, equipment machinery, fixtures and materials for the purpose of production and processing of trees into more readily marketed products to include conversion to coal, electricity, methanol and associated by-product chemicals, and thereafter to make loans for the restoration, improvement or enlargement of such facilities; provided, that the entity applying for a loan, must support the objectives of this Order.
 - d. To approve or disapprove any loan and advances of loans from other lenders to entities which at the time are borrowers from the Corporation.
 - e. To organize wholly or partly owned companies and subsidiaries for the purposes of:
 - i) operating a tree product transportation system, of operating a tree processing plant, and other related activities.
 - ii) manufacturing equipment and materials to supply any of the organizations involved in the production, processing and transport of the products under this Order.
 - iii) providing marketing and market stabilization services for the entities engaged in production under this Order. The subsidiary so established may be authorized to purchase and store tree products as required to assure stable and attractive prices for both producer and consumer.
 - f. To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, real and physical properties, together with all appurtenant rights, easements, licenses and privileges, upon its determination that such acquisition is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order and, if such properties be in areas designated as reserved for fast growing tree production and said properties or at the same time of acquisition not producing a product valued at least 50% of that found on lands already under the fast growing tree program: Provided, that the power herein granted shall be exercised by the Corporation solely as agent for and on behalf of one or more public service entities which shall timely receive, own and utilize or replace such properties for the purpose of growing fast growing trees, which entity or entities shall then be, or in connection with the acquisition shall become, borrowers from the Corporation and provided, further, that the costs of such acquisition including the cost of any eminent domain proceedings, shall be borne either directly or by reimbursement to the Corporation, whichever the Corporation shall elect, by the public service entity or entities on whose behalf the acquisition is undertaken; and otherwise to acquire, improve, hold, transfer, sell, lease, rent, mortgage, encumber and otherwise dispose of property incident to, or necessary, convenient or proper to carry out the purposes of which the Corporation is created.
 - g. To borrow funds from any source, private or government, foreign or domestic, and, to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness therefor and to secure the lenders thereof by pledging, sharing or subordinating one or more of its own loan securities.
 - h. To so cooperate, coordinate and exchange such information, studies and reports with, and to seek such cooperation and coordination from other departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, as will most effectively conduce to the achievement of the purposes of the Corporation.
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- i. To report at least annually to the Prime Minister and the National Assembly, on the status of the Dendro Development Program of the Philippines, including a comprehensive reporting of loans made, loan funds advanced, loans secured from other sources and the advances thereof, the names and locations of the borrowers, the number of hectares planted, amount of wood produced, number of processing plants established and the value of product as well as the energy produced in oil equivalent and other activities programmed for the ensuing year, and all such other information and data as will accurately reveal the progress being made toward the achievement of the purposes of this Order; and to publish such report for dissemination to and use by other interested departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government and by borrowers under this Order;
 - j. To have a continuous succession under its corporate name until otherwise provided by law; prescribe and thereafter to amend and repeal its laws not inconsistent with this Order; adopt and use a seal and alter it as its pleasure; sue and be sued in any court, Provided, that NDDC shall, unless it consents otherwise, be immune to suits for acts *ex delicti*; and make contract of every name and nature and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient for the carrying on of its business;
 - k. To exercise such powers and do such things as may be necessary to carry out the business and purposes for which the Corporation was established, or which from time to time may be declared by the Board of Directors to be necessary, useful, incidental or auxiliary to accomplish such purposes; and generally, to exercise all the powers of a corporation under the Corporation Law insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provision of this Order.
4. The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of:
- a. Minister of Human Settlements, as Chairman
 - b. The General Manager of the Corporation, as Vice Chairman
 - c. Minister of Industry
 - d. Minister of Natural Resources
 - e. Governor of the Central Bank
 - f. President of the National Development Company
 - g. General Manager of the Human Settlements Development Corporation
 - h. Administrator of the Farm Systems Development Corporation
 - i. Administrator of the National Electrification Administration.
5. The Board shall, have the following specific powers and duties:
- a. to implement the provisions and purposes of this Order;
 - b. to formulate and adopt policies and plans and to promulgate rules and regulations, for the management, operation and conduct of the Corporation;
 - c. to adopt and, as may be necessary from time to time, to amend annual budgets for the Corporation's borrowing and lending programs and for its administration;
 - d. to fix the compensation of the General Manager and of the Deputy General Manager, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines; and,
 - e. to establish policies and guidelines for employment on the basis of merit, technical competence and moral character, and upon the recommendation of the General Manager to
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organize or reorganize the Corporation's staffing structure, to fix the salaries of personnel and to define their powers and duties.

6. The management of the Corporation shall be vested in the General Manager, who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines and shall not be removed except for cause.

The General Manager shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. to execute and administer policies, plans and programs, and the rules and regulations, approved or promulgated by the Board of Directors;
- b. to submit for the consideration of the Board of Directors such policies, plans and programs as he deems necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Order;
- c. to direct and supervise the operation and internal administration of the Corporation and, for this purpose, to delegate same of any of this powers and duties to subordinate officials of the Corporation;
- d. subject to the guidelines and policies established by the Board of Directors, to appoint and fix the number and compensation of subordinate officials and employees of the Corporation: Provided, however, the provisions of the Civil Service Law and the Wage and Position Classification Law shall not apply to the appointment and compensation of any such subordinate official or employee;
- e. For cause, to remove, suspend, or otherwise discipline any subordinate official or employee;
- f. to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Corporation at the close of each fiscal year and to submit a copy thereof to the Prime Minister.
- g. to exercise such other powers and duties as may be vested in him by the Board of Directors.

In case of absence or disability of the General Manager, he shall designate any of the Deputy General Managers to act in his place.

7. The auditor General shall be ex-officio Auditor of the Corporation.

8. The Corporation shall have an authorized capital stock of Two Billion Pesos (₱2,000,000,000) divided into 20 million shares having a par value of One Hundred Pesos (₱100.00) per share to be subscribed and paid for by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and its instrumentalities as follows: Government of the Republic of the Philippines, Six Hundred and Eighty Million Pesos (₱680,000,000); Human Settlements Development Corporation, Eighty Million Pesos (₱80,000,000); National Development Company, Eighty Million Pesos (₱80,000,000); Farm Systems Development Corporation, Eighty Million Pesos (₱80,000,000) and National Electrification Administration, Eighty Million Pesos (₱80,000,000).

9. With the approval of the Ministry of Finance, the Monetary Board and the President of the Philippines, the Corporation may borrow from foreign public or private financial institutions such amounts as may from time to time be required for its operation or issue bonds, promissory notes, debentures, certificates of indebtedness and other debt instrument.

With respect to domestic indebtedness to be incurred by the Corporation, the terms and conditions to be contained in such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, and other conditions, privileges, exemptions and guarantees attaching thereto, shall include the following:

- a. such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness shall be in registered form and transferable at the Central Bank of the Philippines; shall not be sold at less than par; shall be payable ten years or more from date of issue, as may be determined by the Minister of Finance, before

their issuance, but shall be redeemable, upon the election of the Board of Directors, after five years from such date of issue; and shall bear interest at an annual rate to be determined before their issuance by the Minister of Finance in consultation with the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of the Philippines before date of issuance, and both the principal and interest shall be payable in legal tender of the Philippines.

- b. such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness shall be exempt from the payment of all taxes by the Republic of the Philippines, or by any authority, branch, division or political subdivision thereof, which facts shall be stated upon their face; and they shall be receivable as security in any transaction with the National Government or any of its branches, subdivisions, instrumentalities and its owned or controlled corporations in which a security is required.
- c. a sinking funds shall be established by the Corporation in such manner that the total annual contributions thereto, accrued at such rate of interest as may be determined by the Minister of Finance in consultation with the Monetary Board, shall be sufficient to redeem at maturity the bonds issued under this subsection. This sinking fund shall be under the custody of the Central Bank of the Philippines, which shall invest the same, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and the Minister of Finance in consultation with the Monetary Board: Provided, that the proceeds thereof shall accrue to the Corporation.
- d. the Republic of the Philippines hereby guarantee the payment by the Corporation of both the principal and the interest of the bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, and shall pay such principal and the interest in case the Corporation fails to do so; and there is hereby made a standing appropriation out of the general funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sums necessary to make the payment so guaranteed: Provided, that the sums so paid by the Republic of the Philippines shall be refunded by the Corporation, and Provided, Further that the Corporation, to assure such refunding, shall establish such reserves or sinking funds and comply with such other restrictions and conditions as the Minister of Finance may prescribe and establish for that purpose.

With respect to foreign indebtedness to be incurred by the Corporation such as may be contracted, in the form of loans, credits convertible to foreign currencies, or other forms of indebtedness, from foreign government or any international financial institution or fund source, including foreign private lenders, the terms and conditions shall include the following:

- a. the total outstanding amount of such indebtedness, exclusive of interest, shall not exceed Two Billion Pesos (₱2,000,000,000) or the equivalent thereof in other currencies;
- b. the President of the Philippines, by himself or through his duly authorized representative, is hereby authorized to negotiate and to so contract with foreign governments or any international financial institution or fund source in the name and on behalf of the Corporation; and is further authorized to guarantee, absolutely and unconditionally, as primary obligor and not merely as a surety, in the name and or in behalf of the Republic of the Philippines, the repayment of any indebtedness thereby contracted and the payment thereof of any due interest charge, up to the limited amount authorized by the foregoing, which shall be over and above the amounts which the President is authorized to guarantee under R.A. 6152, and also to guarantee the performance of all or any of the obligations undertaken by the Corporation in the territory of the Republic of the Philippines pursuant to loan agreements entered into pursuant to this provision;

- c. any indebtedness contracted under this provision and the payment of the principal thereof and of any interest or other charges thereon, as well as the importation of machinery, equipment, materials, supplies and services by the Corporation, paid from the proceeds of any such contracted indebtedness, shall also be exempt from all direct and indirect taxes, fees, imposts, other charges and restrictions, including import restrictions, by the Republic of the Philippines, or by any authority, branch, division or political subdivision thereof.

10. The Corporation shall execute all dendro projects that may be authorized in any Public Works Acts.

11. The Corporation shall devote all its returns from its capital investments as well as excess revenues from its operation to attain its objectives. To enable the Corporation to pay its indebtedness and obligations and in furtherance and effective implementation of its programs and projects, the Corporation is hereby declared exempt;

- a. from the payment of all taxes, duties, fees, imposts, charges, costs and restrictions to the Republic of the Philippines, its provinces, cities, municipalities and other charges provided for under the Tariff and Custom Code of the Philippines, R.A. 1937, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 34 dated October 27, 1972, and Presidential Decree No. 69 dated November 24, 1972, and filing and service fees and other charges or costs in any court or administrative proceedings in which it may be a party;
- b. from all income taxes, franchise taxes and realty taxes to be paid to the National Government, its provinces, cities, municipalities and other government agencies and instrumentalities;
- c. from all import duties, compensating taxes and advance sales tax, wharfage fees on import of foreign goods required for its operations and projects; and,
- d. from all taxes, duties, fees, imposts, and all other charges imposed directly or indirectly by the Republic of the Philippines, its provinces, cities and municipalities and other government agencies and instrumentalities, on all petroleum products used by the Corporation in the production, processing and sale of its tree products.

12. For the purpose of organizing tree farms into units large enough for efficient production and transportation of trees, non-stock, non-profit member owned corporations (hereafter referred to as tree farmer association) or tree farmer corporations shall be encouraged by the Corporation and formed for registration with the Farm System Development Corporation.

- a. Guiding principles in organizing such corporations will be the attaining of low cost, reliable tree production while assuring that the income earned for tree production be received in fair measure by the tree farmers. Furthermore, no family shall receive the return from more than 20 hectares of tree land.
- b. A corporation for the purpose of tree production will be vested with all powers necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of its corporate purpose.
- c. The name of a corporation shall include the words "Dendro and Energy" and the abbreviation "Inc." The name of a corporation organized under this Order shall be distinct from the name of any other corporation already organized or converted under this Order.
- d. Five or more persons may organize a corporation in the manner hereinafter provided.

- e. Articles of Incorporation. Each corporation will be organized under the rules of the Farms Systems Development Corporation with the appropriate formal incorporation.
- f. The corporation so formed will adopt a written set of by-laws which will guide their operations.

13. The Corporation shall have the authority in consultation with the Bureau of Forest Management and the Bureau of Lands to designate certain lands as suitable for dendro production, provided that such designation be approved by the President. The NDDC shall have the sole authority to approve application for the use of land so designated for use in dendro production. Trees, charcoal and other products harvest from tree plantations or processed from the products of tree plantations shall be treated as farm products and shall specifically be exempted from the requirements for timber licenses, from forestry charges and from all other regulations and impositions normally applied by the government or its agencies on forest products.

14. The Corporation shall promulgate rules and regulations to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Order, particularly on the approval of applications for the use of land designated for dendro production, on the formation of tree farmer corporations, and on the granting of loans for the development of tree farms, construction, operation and acquisition of plants and equipment and production and processing of tree farm products.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Signed in the City of Manila, this 12th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Executive Assistant

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1981). *[Executive Order Nos.: 631 - 705]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 663
SUSPENDING IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 579 AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Presidents of National Sports Associations, the Deputy Ministers of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, the Executive Director of Project: Gintong Alay and all agencies involved in sports development, recommended the suspension of the implementation and effectivity of Executive Order No. 579, series of 1980, which created the National Coordinating Committee for Sports Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me, do hereby order the following:

1. Executive Order No. 579 is hereby suspended as to its implementation and shall be considered of no force and effect.
2. The President shall appoint Project Directors for the different sports who shall come preferably from the private sector and shall assist the development of their respective sports by way of financial and technical assistance which shall be free from any governmental supervision or control.
3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 664

**CREATING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE PLANNING AND
EXECUTION OF COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FALL OF BATAAN, FALL OF
CORREGIDOR AND BATTLE OF BESANG PASS.**

WHEREAS, the Fall of Bataan, Fall of Corregidor and Battle of Besang Pass are milestones in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to commemorate these historic events with appropriate activities to impress upon our people the valor and sacrifices of those who fought and died during our struggle for freedom and democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute and create an Executive Committee to formulate and devise ways and means for the successful execution of appropriate activities for the commemoration of the anniversary of the Fall of Bataan, Fall of Corregidor and Battle of Besang Pass. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Deputy Minister for Civilian Relations Ministry of National Defense	- Chairman
The Deputy Minister of Tourism Ministry of Tourism	- Co-Chairman
The Deputy Chief of Staff Armed Forces of the Philippines	- Vice-Chairman
The Administrator Philippine Veterans Affairs Office	- Member
The General Manager Philippine Tourism Authority	- Member
The Commanding General Philippine Army	- Member
The Flag-Officer-In-Command Philippine Navy	- Member
The Executive Vice-President Veterans Federation of the Philippines	- Member
The Special Assistant on Veterans Affairs Ministry of National Defense	- Member
The Chairman National Historical Institute	- Member
The Director National Media Production Center	- Member

The Assistant Minister for Operations Ministry of Public Works	- Member
The Commanding General, Civil Relations Service, AFP	- Member
The National Commander Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor	- Member
The Acting Chief Military Shrines Service, PVAO	- Member/Secretary

The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any ministry, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its duties and functions.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 665
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

WHEREAS, Portable fire extinguishers manufactured by firms not licensed by the Philippine Bureau of Standards proliferate in the market;

WHEREAS, this situation not only undermine the interest of the public, but also constitute unfair competition against those which are licensed by said Bureau to manufacture portable fire extinguishers locally or to import these appliances from foreign manufacturers who follow internationally recognized standards;

WHEREAS, one of the causes of the rapid development and consequent spread of fire is the use of sub-standard portable fire extinguishers which fail to extinguish the fire in its incipient stage;

WHEREAS, some locally manufactured fire extinguishers contain chemicals that are toxic or hazardous to health;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Bureau of Standards has issued Standards Administrative Order No. 375 and published its Implementing Rules and Regulations on December 11, 1980;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

1. Procurement of portable fire extinguishers by all government agencies, government-owned or controlled corporations, as well as provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays, shall be limited to those which fall under any of the following categories:

a. Portable fire extinguishers which are manufactured locally by firms licensed by the Philippine Bureau of Standards, Ministry of Trade and authorized to use the PBS mark on their products; or

b. Portable fire extinguishers which are original imports from foreign manufacturers which are listed and authorized to use proof marks of the standards organization of the country of manufacture, or which are manufactured in accordance with standards recognized and accepted by the Philippine Bureau of Standards.

2. All portable fire extinguishers to be procured shall be of the type not otherwise prohibited and shall bear the labels and markings required by Rule 37 of the Fire Code (PD 1185) and to the Rules and Regulations implemental of SAO No. 375 issued by the Philippine Bureau of Standards.

3. Notwithstanding the possibility that the same information may already be indicated in the label, suppliers shall be required to submit a certification as to the chemical name and formula of the extinguishing agents inside the extinguisher, to include their weight or volume. Percentage composition shall be also indicated whenever the agent is a mixture of two or more chemicals. Such certification shall constitute an additional documentary requirement before payment is authorized or effected.

4. All agencies within the scope of this Order shall require similar certifications as to the contents of their present portable fire extinguishers from suppliers who previously sold such units to the agency,

and from persons or firms which have refilled or recharged the agency's fire extinguishers. All suppliers or recharging firms or persons which refuse or fail to submit such certifications within fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice from the agency, shall be barred from transacting business with the agency. The head of agency shall inform the Director, Bureau of Supply Coordination of such refusal or failure so that the Suppliers Identification Certificate issued by the Bureau may be cancelled.

5. The Director, Bureau of Supply Coordination is hereby directed to insure the strict implementation of this Order.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 666
GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL WIRES, MATERIALS, COMPONENTS AND
DEVICES MANUFACTURED BY FIRMS LICENSED BY THE PHILIPPINE
BUREAU OF STANDARDS

WHEREAS, electrical wires, materials, components and devices which are manufactured by firms or persons not licensed by the Philippine Bureau of Standards proliferate in the market;

WHEREAS, this situation not only undermines the interest of the buying public, but constitute unfair competition against those which are licensed by said Bureau;

WHEREAS, one of the frequent causes of fire incidents in buildings is substandard electrical wires, materials, components and devices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order, that:

1. All government purchases, including those of provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays, and government owned or controlled corporations of electrical wires, materials, components and devices to be used for installation in buildings/structures shall be limited to those which are manufactured by persons or firms licensed by the Bureau of Standards, Ministry of Trade, to use the PBS mark.

2. The Director, Bureau of Supply Coordination is hereby directed to insure the strict implementation of this Executive Order.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 667
UPGRADING FURTHER THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF THE CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE
PROVIDED FOR UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1581

WHEREAS, the results of the 1979 Salary Survey conducted in private industry by the National Government indicates and justifies a further increase in the salaries of government personnel;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide additional guidelines to ensure justice and equity in setting compensation for members of the Career Executive Service;

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to further upgrade the existing salary schedule of the Career Executive Service under Presidential Decree No. 1581 in order to harmonize the existing salary schedule for members of the Career Executive Service with the National Compensation Plan and to correspondingly increase the salaries of CES positions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and direct:

Section 1. The compensation schedule for the Career Executive Service, as provided in Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1581, is hereby upgraded as follows:

a. Compensation Schedule
(Annual Rates)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
I	₱67,896	₱71,364	₱ —	₱ —
II	58,476	61,464	64,596	67,896
III	50,376	52,944	55,644	58,476
IV	43,392	45,600	47,928	50,376
V	37,380	39,288	41,292	43,392

b. Positions Covered

The various ranks in the Career Executive Service cover the following positions, and such other positions as may be determined to be of equivalent category by the Career Executive Service Board:

RANK I	-	Deputy Minister
RANK II	-	Assistant Secretary
		Bureau Director
		Regional Director (Department-wide Regionalization)
RANK III	-	Assistant Bureau Director
		Assistant Regional Director
		(Department-wide Regionalization)

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| RANK IV | - | Regional Director (Bureau-wide
Regionalization)
Ministry Service Chief |
| RANK V | - | Assistant Regional Director
(Bureau-wide Regionalization) |

Section 2. The amount of ₱13 M or so much as may be necessary to implement the upgraded rates of compensation shall be drawn from the Salary Adjustment Fund in the CY 1981 General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. The rules and regulations needed to comply with this Executive Order shall be formulated and issued by the Ministry of the Budget and the Career Executive Service Board.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect on January 1, 1981.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 668
GRANTING SALARY INCREASES FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of government to help augment government personnel income in times of economic crisis and inflation;

WHEREAS, existing national policy mandates that compensation of government personnel shall be adjusted/standardized taking into consideration the prevailing level of compensation in the private industry;

WHEREAS, the result of the 1979 Salary Survey conducted in private industry by the National Government indicates and justifies a further increase in the salaries of government personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and direct:

1. The increase of the salaries of all officials and employees of the national government to partially implement the results of the 1979 Salary Survey, thus:

1.1 Those whose salaries range from the minimum salary/wage to ₱8400 per annum shall be increased by three (3) salary steps in the National Salary Schedule or equivalent to approximately 15%;

1.2 Those whose salaries are more than ₱8400 per annum shall be increased by two (2) salary steps in the National Salary Schedule or equivalent to approximately 10%.

2. Positions in national government agencies with approved special pay plans and those not covered by the national pay plan including the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Integrated National Police shall likewise be given the same percentage salary increases.

3. Agencies that have granted salary adjustments/increases in CY 1981 shall be deemed to have complied with this Order. If the employee/position has received less than the amount that he is entitled to under Nos. 1 and 2 hereof, he shall be allowed to receive the difference.

4. Funds needed to implement this Order shall be drawn from salary lapses, the Salary Adjustment Fund in the CY 1981 General Appropriations Act and any remaining deficiency shall be covered by the budgetary reserves.

5. Positions whose salaries are fixed in the Constitution are not covered by this Order.

6. Government-owned and controlled corporations may grant the same percentage salary increases provided in this Order subject to the rules, guidelines, procedures and conditions to be determined by the Compensation Committees created in P. D. No. 985.

7. Local government units may likewise grant the same percentage salary increases provided herein, chargeable against their respective local government funds, subject to the rules, guidelines, procedures and conditions to be determined by the Joint Commission on Local Government Personnel Administration.

8. The rules and regulations needed to comply with this Order shall be formulated and issued by the Ministry of the Budget.

9. This Executive Order shall take effect on March 1, 1981.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Executive Assistant

Reference: National Compensation No. 16

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 669
GRANTING SALARY INCREASES FOR SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENTS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of government to adjust/standardize compensation of government personnel taking into consideration the prevailing level of compensation in private industry;

WHEREAS, the result of the 1979 Salary Survey conducted in private industry by the National Government indicates and justifies a further increase in the salaries of government personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and direct.

1. The increase/adjustment of salaries of the following classes of School Superintendents and Administrators by six (6) salary steps in the National Salary Schedule or equivalent to approximately thirty percent (30%) as full implementation of the 1979 Salary Survey results:

Vocational School Administrator I
Vocational School Administrator II
Vocational School Administrator III
Vocational School Superintendent I
Vocational School Superintendent II
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Superintendent
Vocational College Superintendent

2. Funds needed to implement this Order shall be drawn from the salary lapses of the Ministry of Education and Culture and any remaining deficiency from the Salary Adjustment Fund in the CY 1981 Appropriation Act. Any further deficiency will be charged against budgetary reserves.

3. Rules and regulations needed to comply with this Order shall be formulated and issued by the Ministry of the Budget.

4. This Executive Order shall take effect on March 1, 1981.

5. DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 670
IMPLEMENTING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1726 ON AN INTEGRATED COMPENSATION
SCHEME FOR LAWYERS IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1726 provides for a new schedule of salary rates for certain positions in the Ministry of Justice and its bureaus and offices; and

WHEREAS, the same Decree provided that pending the provision of adequate funds for the full implementation of such rates, the positions mentioned in the Decree may be upgraded on a gradual basis depending on the sufficiency of available funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct:

Section 1. The salary rates provided for in P.D. No. 1726 and Letter of Implementation No. 127 for all lawyer positions with titles peculiar to the Ministry of Justice in the National Prosecution Service, Legal Staff, Technical Staff and the Office of the Minister of the Ministry of Justice shall be implemented to the extent of funds available as provided in Section 5 hereof: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That for positions falling within the Career Executive Service, the implementation of the salary increases authorized under P.D. No. 1726 and Letter of Implementation No. 127 shall be subject to the following conditions:

- A. The positions in the Career Executive Service and their equivalents in the Ministry of Justice shall not exceed the maximum of their respective ranks as provided by law.
- b. The salary of a position shall not be increased beyond one salary step below that of the position immediately above it in the organizational hierarchy.

Section 2. All lawyer positions in the commissions, boards, bureaus, and offices under the Ministry of Justice covered by said Decree and Letter of Implementation and positions of NBI agents shall be extended a twenty percent (20%) increase of the actual basic salary as of December 31, 1980, subject to funds available: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in no case shall the salary increase exceed the salary rates provided in the aforementioned Decree or one step below the adjusted salary of the position immediately above it in the organizational hierarchy.

Section 3. The designations, titles and salary rates of positions covered by P.D. No. 1726 shall be further examined and reviewed by the Ministry of the Budget under the provisions of P.D. No. 985, as amended, to ensure uniformity in the use of titles and designations, and in case involving relationships between superior and subordinates positions, and nothing in P.D. No. 1726 or in this Executive Order shall be construed as depriving the Ministry of the Budget of its inherent powers under P.D. No. 985, as amended, to classify positions and fix compensation of positions in the National Government.

Section 4. The procedures, rules and regulations needed to carry out this Executive Order shall be formulated and issued by the Ministry of the Budget.

Section 5. The amounts necessary to cover the salary increases as herein provided shall be charged against salary lapses and other personal services, maintenance and other operating expenses, savings in the respective appropriations of commissions, bureaus, offices and boards under the Ministry of Justice, and the excess income of the Land Registration Commission.

Section 6. The salary increases above provided shall be effective January 1, 1981.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 671

DIRECTING THE TRANSFER TO THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NDC) OF ALL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (PNOC) IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE LUZON STEVEDORING CORPORATION (LUSTEVECO) TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (CDCP).

WHEREAS, the LUSTEVECO group of companies is engaged in the transport by sea and by land of strategic and other commodities vital to the economy as well as to national security and is, therefore, deserving of government support;

WHEREAS, the National Development Corporation is charged with, among other responsibilities, supporting the development of domestic shipping; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that NDC be involved with LUSTEVECO in any manner that will redound to public good;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing law, do hereby order:

1. That all accounts due or to become due to PNOC from CDCP arising from the sale of LUSTEVECO by the former to the latter, be transferred from PNOC to NDC.

2. That, as compensation to PNOC for such transfer of receivables, NDC shall issue preferred shares to PNOC bearing a dividend rate of 9% per annum, in such amounts as the liabilities become due and payable, exclusive of any penalty or interest.

3. That NDC, upon completion of the transfer, shall implement a financial restructuring of LUSTEVECO, including the possible investment of equity in the latter, subject to the approval of the President.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**

Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACAÑANG

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 671-A
CREATING THE POSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF ENERGY

WHEREAS, the present thrusts and priorities in energy has created such a voluminous workload for the Minister of Energy making it necessary to create the position of another Deputy Minister to assist him in effectively and efficiently administering the Ministry of Energy.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order the creation of the position of an additional Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Energy.

The newly created position of Deputy Minister of Energy shall carry all the rights, honors and privileges pertaining to such position.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of March, in the year of Our Loard nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 672
REVISING THE RATES OF SPECIFIC TAX ON CERTAIN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the government has not imposed any additional specific tax on petroleum products when the last price increases were authorized on August 3, 1980;

WHEREAS, the latest round of increases in crude oil prices implemented by the oil-producing countries has inevitably escalated the cost of vital materials and equipment indispensable for the country's infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, on-going development projects of government and the cost of expanding public services require more funds, a considerable portion of which are to be funded from specific taxes collected on petroleum products.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution and by Section 290-B of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1977, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1773, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of specific tax on certain petroleum products are hereby revised, hereby amending for this purpose Sections 153, 155 and 156 of the National Internal Revenue Code to read as follows:

“SEC. 153. Specific tax on manufactured oils and other fuels. - On refined and manufactured mineral oils and motor fuels, there shall be collected the following taxes which shall attach to the articles hereunder enumerated as soon as they are in existence as such:

- “(a) Kerosene, per liter of volume capacity, nine centavos;
- “(b) Lubricating oils, per liter of volume capacity, eighty centavos;
- “(c) Naphtha, gasoline and all other similar products of distillation, per liter of volume capacity, one peso and six centavos: Provided, That on premium and aviation gasoline the tax shall be one peso and ten centavos and one peso, respectively, per liter of volume capacity;
- “(d) On denatured alcohol to be used for motive power, per liter of volume capacity, one centavo: Provided, That unless otherwise provided for by special laws, if the denatured alcohol is mixed with gasoline, the specific tax on which has already been paid, only the alcohol content shall be subject to the tax herein prescribed. For the purpose of this subsection, the removal of denatured alcohol of not less than one hundred eighty degrees proof (ninety per centum absolute alcohol) shall be deemed to have been removed for motive power, unless shown to the contrary;
- “(e) Processed gas, per liter of volume capacity, three centavos;
- “(f) Thinners and solvents, per liter of volume capacity, sixty-one centavos;

- “(g) Liquefied petroleum gas, per kilogram, twenty-one centavos: Provided, That liquified petroleum gas used for motive power shall be taxed at the equivalent rate as the specific tax on diesel fuel oil;
- “(h) Asphalts, per kilogram, twelve centavos;
- “(i) Greases, waxes and petroleum, per kilogram, fifty centavos;
- “(j) Aviation turbo-jet fuel, per liter of volume capacity, sixty-four centavos.”

“SEC. 155. Specific tax on bunker fuel oil. - On fuel oil, commercially known as bunker oil, and on all similar fuel oils, having more or less the same generating power, there shall be collected, per liter of volume capacity, five centavos, which tax shall attach to this fuel oil as soon as it is in existence as such.”

“SEC. 156. Specific tax on diesel fuel oil. - On fuel oil, commercially known as diesel fuel oil, and all similar fuel oils, having more or less the same generating power, per liter of volume capacity, twenty-five and one-half centavos, which tax shall attach to this fuel oil as soon as it is in existence as such.”

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 673
ENJOINING THE WIDESPREAD APPLICATION OF GASIFIER EQUIPMENT FOR VEHICLES
AND DESIGNATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE AND
REGULATE ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, the inevitable increase in cost of petroleum fuels necessitates a search for alternative fuels for use in transport vehicles;

WHEREAS, the gasifier equipment using charcoal as fuel has been proven technically feasible for vehicles and other applications such as irrigation and electricity generation;

WHEREAS, the Farm Systems Development Corporation (FSDC) has been mandated under Executive Order No. 655 to act as lead agency for the widespread utilization of gasifier equipment for irrigation and other farm-related application and has itself tried the utilization of such equipment of transport vehicles;

WHEREAS, the Project Sta. Barbara (PSB) and U.P. College of Engineering have likewise conducted research efforts towards the development of gasifier technology for vehicles;

WHEREAS, the use of gasifier equipment to complement the use of traditional fuels in applications such as irrigation, electricity generation and transportation shall be henceforth promoted as an alternative energy source;

WHEREAS, to assure the safety of the public as well as to insure trouble-free operation of gasifier equipment, there is a need to impose safety measures in their production and use;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Section I. The creation of an inter-agency committee composed of representatives from FSDC, PSB, and U.P. College of Engineering for the following purposes:

- a. To promote and encourage the installation of gasifier equipment on vehicles.
- b. Establish and implement procedures for quality control in the manufacture of gasifier equipment for vehicles.
- c. Register all gasifier equipment for motor vehicle installation.
- d. Monitor periodically gasifier operations in vehicles.

Section II. The government financing institutions, namely: DBP, PNB, LBP shall develop and implement lending programs to finance the conversion of existing vehicles to gasifier equipment. Such programs shall provide for liberal lending terms to encourage the installation of gasifier equipment.

Section III. All government agencies are directed to take steps to install gasifier equipment in existing government vehicles as well as to engage in tree farming programs to ensure adequate supply of charcoal for gasifier equipment.

Section IV. The Ministry of Budget shall, for this purpose, release the amount of Ten Million Pesos (₱10M) to the Farm Systems Development Corporation (Lead Agency) for the initial implementation of the provisions of this Order.

Section V. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of March, In The Year Of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 674
ESTABLISHING THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE

WHEREAS, communicable diseases constitute most of the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the control of communicable diseases is one of the government's priorities for national development in the field of health;

WHEREAS, a strong biomedical research component with full cooperation between academic institutions and field agencies is necessary for the effective pursuit of programs for the control of communicable diseases;

WHEREAS, for the foregoing consideration, the Philippine Government has agreed to cooperate with the Government of Japan in the development of a research program for tropical medicine in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of the terms of an exchange of notes between the Philippine Government and the Japanese Government, the Government of Japan has constructed and equipped a research facility for tropical medicine at Alabang, Muntinlupa, Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for the maintenance and operation of the above facility as the venue for continuing technical cooperation between the two governments in the field of tropical medicine;

WHEREAS, the maintenance and operation of a Research Institute for Tropical Medicine will provide the biomedical research support for communicable disease control program in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Creation of a Research Institute for Tropical Medicine. - There is hereby created a Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

SEC. 2. Scope and Coverage of Tropical Medicine. - For purposes of this Executive Order, the scope and coverage of tropical medicine shall pertain to diseases that are specific to the tropics, which is the geographical area between the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn, and for diseases that present differently in this geographical region as compared to other regions, to wit: gastrointestinal infections, viral hepatitis, bacterial and non-bacterial respiratory infections, amoebiasis, schistosomiasis, filariasis, malaria, pertussis, diphtheria, tetanus, meningitis, meningismus, measles, mumps, herpes, chicken pox, rocky mountain spotted fever, encephalitis, echo-viral diseases, coxsackieviral diseases, and Philippine hemorrhagic fever: Provided, That the Minister of Health may include such other pertinent diseases in consultation with the Advisory Board herein created.

SEC. 3. Authority and Responsibility. -

a. The Institute shall be operated as a special project in the Office of the Minister of Health. The Minister of Health shall promulgate policies for and exercise supervision and control over the Institute.

b. The Institute shall be headed by a Director who shall be assisted by an Assistant Director, both of whom shall be appointed by the Minister of Health. The Director shall be responsible for the implementation of policies and the immediate management of the programs and operations of the Institute.

SEC. 4. Powers and Functions. - The Institute shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Undertake research activities in the diagnosis, control, and prevention of tropical diseases that are major causes of mortality and morbidity in the Philippines.

b. Conduct clinical trials aimed at better understanding and control of tropical diseases.

c. Conduct regular training courses for medical and paramedical personnel in the control of common tropical diseases in the country.

d. Provide high quality tertiary care to both inpatients and out-patients suffering from tropical diseases included within the scope of the Institute's research activities.

e. Participate in the technical cooperation program with the Japan International Cooperation Agency in research activities in the diagnosis, control and prevention of tropical diseases.

f. Arrange for the participation of the National Science Development Board and the U.P. System Health Sciences Center in the planning and implementation of the programs of the Institute.

g. Apply for, receive, and accept bequests, grants, and donation of funds, equipment, materials and services needed for the attainment of its objectives.

h. Perform such other related activities as may be assigned by the Minister of Health.

SEC. 5. Organization and Personnel. - The Institute shall also have its technical and administrative support staff as well as consultants as may be necessary. Such consultants may be drawn from the public and private sectors on consultancy or contractual basis and shall be granted honoraria or allowances at such amounts as may be determined in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. Advisory Board. - The Institute shall have an Advisory Board composed of the following officials or their representatives:

a. The Minister of Health, Chairman

b. The Chairman, National Science Development Board

c. The Chancellor, U.P. System Health Sciences Center

SEC. 7. Transfer of Biomedical Research Functions. - All functions of the following units in the Ministry of Health involving biomedical research in tropical medicine shall be transferred to the Institute together with applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property and such personnel as may be necessary: Bureau of Research and Laboratories, Schistosomiasis Control and Research Service, Dermatology Research and Training Center, and Malaria Eradication Service.

SEC. 8. Funding. - Such amount as may be necessary for the operating expenses of the Institute for the current calendar year is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any unappropriated funds in the National Treasury. Subsequently, the appropriations for the Institute shall be included in the general appropriations act.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, charters, executive orders, administrative orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are in conflict with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 25th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 674-A
REVISING THE RATES OF SPECIFIC TAX ON LOCALLY-PRODUCED DISTILLED SPIRITS
WINES, COMPOUNDED LIQUORS AND FERMENTED LIQUORS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 82, the specific taxes on liquor products as provided under Sections 145, 146 and 147 of the National Internal Revenue Code have been increased;

WHEREAS, this increase in specific taxes affect at this time sales volume of locally-produced distilled spirits, wines, compounded liquors and fermented liquors;

WHEREAS, it would be essential to maintain the present sales volume of these commodities to prevent unemployment and to assist the liquor industry;

WHEREAS, to cushion the economic impact of the increased tax rates it is imperative that the existing tax rates be revised.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by Section 290-B of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1977, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1773, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of specific tax on locally-produced distilled spirits, wines and compounded liquors, and fermented liquors prescribed under Section 145(a); 146(b) to (h); and 147, respectively, of the National Internal Revenue Code are hereby revised effective on the dates hereunder indicated, to wit:

	<u>Rate of Tax</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sec.145(a)		
- <u>Domestic distilled spirits</u>	= ₱1.80/proof liter	April 1, 1981
	= 2.10/proof liter	October 1, 1981
	= 2.40/proof liter	April 1, 1982
<u>Local spirits (or "lambanog") produced</u>		
<u>by small distillers</u>	= ₱1.17/proof liter	April 1, 1981
	= 1.36 ½proof liter	October 1, 1981
	= 1.56/proof liter	April 1, 1982
Sec. 146(b)		
- <u>Domestic still wines containing</u>		
<u>14% alcohol or less (except those</u>		
<u>manufactured from locally grown raw</u>		
<u>materials</u>	= ₱1.50 per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 1.75 per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 2.00 per liter	April 1, 1982
<u>Imported still wines containing 14%</u>		
<u>alcohol or less</u>	= ₱3.30 per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 3.85 per liter	October 1, 1981

	<u>Rate of Tax</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
	= 4.40 per liter	April 1, 1982
(c)		
<u>Domestic still wines containing more</u>		
<u>than 14% alcohol</u>	= ₱3.00 per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 3.50 per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 4.00 per liter	April 1, 1982
<u>Imported still wines containing more</u>		
<u>than 14% alcohol</u>	= ₱6.60 per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 7.70 per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 8.80 per liter	April 1, 1982

Imitation wines containing more than 25% of alcohol shall be taxed as distilled spirits at the new rates effective on the dates prescribed under this Executive Order.

(d)		
<u>Compounded liquors containing more</u>		
<u>than 17% alcohol, but not more than</u>		
<u>25% alcohol</u>	= ₱0.72 per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 0.84 per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 0.96 per liter	April 1, 1982
(e)		
<u>Compounded liquors containing more</u>		
<u>than 17% alcohol, but not more than</u>		
<u>25% alcohol</u>	= ₱1.00 ½ per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 1.17 per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 1.34 per liter	April 1, 1982
(f)		
<u>Compounded liquors containing more</u>		
<u>than 25% alcohol, but not more than 32</u>		
<u>1/3% alcohol</u>	= ₱1.29 per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 1.50 ½ per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 1.72 per liter	April 1, 1982
(g)		
<u>Compounded liquors containing more</u>		
<u>than 32½% alcohol, but not more than</u>		
<u>40% alcohol</u>	= ₱1.57 ½ per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 1.83 ¾ per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 2.10 per liter	April 1, 1982
(h)		
<u>Compounded liquors containing more</u>		
<u>than 40% alcohol</u>	= ₱1.99 1.2 per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 2.32-¾ per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 2.66 per liter	April 1, 1982

In computing the specific tax on compounded liquors at above rates effective on the dates above shown, the amount of specific tax paid on distilled spirits used in the compounding of such intoxicating beverage shall be credited against the tax due on the compounded liquors.

	<u>Rate of Tax</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
— <u>Beer, lager beer, ale, porter, and other fermented liquors (except tuba, basi, tapuy and similar domestic fermented liquors)</u>		
	= ₱0.90 per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 1.05 per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 1.20 per liter	April 1, 1982

If the fermented liquor is imported, the tax shall be increased by 100 per centum, hence, the tax shall be as follows:

	<u>Rate of Tax</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
	= ₱1.80 per liter	April 1, 1981
	= 2.10 per liter	October 1, 1981
	= 2.40 per liter	April 1, 1982

SEC. 2. The revised rates of specific tax shall take effect on the dates provided for under this Executive Order.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 674-B
GRANTING PREFERENTIAL AD VALOREM TAX RATES TO MARGINAL MINES

WHEREAS, the depressed international prices of mineral products and rising cost of production are adversely affecting the viability of the mining industry; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of national economy and general welfare there is a need to extend preferential tax treatment to marginal mines to obviate possible unemployment and economic and social dislocation that may be brought about by unprofitable mining operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby direct that marginal mine or those individual mining project of new or old mines which resume operation for at least five (5) years and whose return on investment in the preceding taxable year does not exceed ten per centum (10%), shall be entitled to the preferential ad valorem tax rates in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) Those engaged in exploitation of metallic minerals:

<u>Rate of Return</u>	<u>Rate of Ad Valorem</u>
<u>on Investment</u>	<u>Tax</u>
10% or more	5%
8% up to 9.9%	4%
6% up to 7.9%	3%
0% up to 5.9%	2.5%

(b) Those engaged in exploitation of non-metallic minerals and quarry resources:

<u>Rate of Return</u>	<u>Rate of Ad Valorem</u>
<u>on Investment</u>	<u>Tax</u>
10% or more	3%
5% up to 9.9%	2%
0% up to 4.9%	1.5%

The Minister of Finance, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Executive Order.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31ST day of March, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 675
EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS OF ASSETS,
LIABILITIES AND NETWORTH TO MAY 31, 1981.

WHEREAS, there is a need to give taxpayers more time to submit their statement of assets, liabilities and networth to enable them to avail of the benefits of Presidential Decree No. 1740.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby extend the deadline fixed under Presidential Decree No. 1740 for the submission of statement of assets, liabilities and networth from April 15, 1981 to May 31, 1981.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.

Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 676
APPROVING THE 1981 INVESTMENT PRIORITIES PLAN

In accordance with the specific recommendations stated in the memorandum of the Chairman of the Board of Investments dated 30 March 1981, the proposed 1981 Investment Priorities Plan is hereby approved.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 677
AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1588

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to amend Presidential Decree No. 1588 which established a National Cartography, Photogrammetry, and Remote Sensing Center with the objective of granting to the agency a wider latitude to realize its mandated goals and objectives;

WHEREAS, there is a need to add one more Deputy Executive Director in order to assure a more efficient and smoother management and operation of the aforesaid body; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1416, the President is granted the power to reorganize national government agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby order the following amendments to Presidential Decree No. 1588, entitled, "Establishing a National Cartography, Photogrammetry, and Remote Sensing Center, Defining Its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes."

SECTION 1. The title of Presidential Decree No. 1588 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Establishing a National Cartography Authority, Defining Its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes."

SEC. 2. Sec. 2 Presidential Decree No. 1588 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Creation of the National Cartography Authority. - There is hereby created a National Cartography Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority" under the supervision of the Office of the President."

SEC. 3. Sec. 4, paragraph 1 of P.D. 1588 is also hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Executive Board. - The governance and policy direction of the Authority shall be vested in an Executive Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Board" which shall be composed of the Director-General, National Intelligence and Security Authority as Chairman and six (6) members to be appointed by the President as nominated by the Chairman."

SEC. 4. Sec. 6, paragraph 2 of the Presidential Decree No. 1588 is also hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Executive Director shall be assisted by one (1) Deputy Executive Director for Operations, one (1) Deputy Executive Director for Production, and one (1) Deputy Executive Director for Technical Services and planning."

SEC. 5. Staff Appointments. - The function of the Authority is hereby declared policy determining, highly technical and highly confidential and as such all staff appointments including regular professional and administrative staff of the Authority shall be exempt from the Office of Compensation and Position Classification's rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. BCGS Mapping Functions. - The mapping functions of the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey (BCGS) under the Ministry of National Defense including its applicable appropriations, records, equipment, property, personnel and projects as may be necessary are correspondingly integrated into the Authority.

SEC. 7. Sec. 12 of P.D. No. 1588 is also hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 12. Appropriations. - To carry out the objectives of this Executive Order, there is hereby appropriated for CY 1981 from the Foreign Assisted Projects Support Fund (Capital Outlay Fund) the amount of Thirty Million Pesos (₱30,000,000.00) for the construction of the permanent building of the Authority. Thereafter, further appropriations for the Authority shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.”

SEC. 8. All provisions of existing laws, decrees, executive orders and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. The provision of this Executive Order are declared to be separable and if any provisions or the application thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

SEC. 10. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of April, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.

Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 678
SUSPENDING THE EXPORT TAX ON NATIVE LEAF AND SCRAP TOBACCO

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 515 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978 (Presidential Decree No. 1464), as amended, and upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. Effective upon the issuance of this Order, native leaf and scrap tobacco shall be excluded from the list of products subject to the export tariff as provided under Section 514 of the Tariff and Customs Code of 1978 (Presidential Decree No. 1464), as amended.

SECTION 2. This suspension order shall remain effective until revoked by me upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of April, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 679
EXPANDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines (CIAP) was created under PD 1746 to promote, accelerate and regulate the growth and development of the construction industry;

WHEREAS, there is a need for organizational adjustments in the composition of the membership of the CIAP stressing the importance of the participation of government agencies involved in construction; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1416 grants continuing authority to the President of the Philippines to reorganize the national government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution do hereby order and ordain the following:

Section 1. Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1746 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. Composition. There is hereby established a Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines (CIAP) which shall be composed of the Minister of Industry as Chairman, the Minister of Public Highways, the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Transportation and Communication, the Chairmen of the different agencies under the CIAP namely: the Philippine Constructors Accreditation Board (PCAB), the Philippine Overseas Construction Board (POCB), the Philippine Domestic Construction Board (PDCB), the Construction Manpower Development Foundation (CMDf), and one representative of the private construction sector to be appointed by the President, as members. The Chairman may designate a special construction industry representative in the Middle East who will become an ex-officio member of the Board. The Chairman shall also, designate a Vice-Chairman from among the members.

Section 2. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila this 21st day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 680
INCREASING THE NUMBERS OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
COMPANY FROM SEVEN (7) TO NINE (9)

WHEREAS, the National Development Company (NDC) is a major corporate vehicle of the Government empowered to invest in enterprises where government investment is necessary to foster national economic development;

WHEREAS, there is a need for close coordination between the National Development Company and the Ministry of the Budget, the Central Bank of the Philippines, and the Board of Investments to facilitate attainment of NDC's development objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare and order that the number of Directors of the National Development Company shall be increased from seven (7) to nine (9), which shall be composed of the Minister of Industry, as Chairman, and the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of the Budget, the Governor of the Central Bank of the Philippines, the Chairman of the Development Bank of the Philippines, the Vice Chairman of the Board of Investments, the General Manager of the Company, and one (1) representative of the private sector appointed by the President, as members.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 681

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE HOSTING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON THE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL AREAS OF THE EAST ASIAN REGION AND THE FIRST ASIAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, the implementation of the government's environmental program requires the involvement and participation of agencies and sectors, particularly with respect to policies formulated and implemented;

WHEREAS, the national government recognizes environmental management thrusts, especially international and regional coordinative programs;

WHEREAS, the governments of the East Asian Region recognize the indispensability of maintaining a high quality for the environment, to include the living resources of the region in the overall context of development;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations manifest recognition of the leadership of the Philippines in its ability to organize and host international conferences/meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct:

1. That the Executive Director of the National Environmental Protection Council, Ministry of Human Settlements and the duly authorized representative of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs shall constitute a preparatory committee and coordinate in the successful staging of the two meetings.

2. The above-mentioned officials to organize immediately working and technical committees that will attend to the various requirements of the meetings, in the process enlisting the support of officials and leaders from other government offices and the private sector that can contribute to the success of the undertaking;

3. That a secretariat primarily staffed by the National Environmental Protection Council, Ministry of Human Settlements and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs be immediately activated to serve as support staff to the preparatory committee;

4. The following government agencies to assist in their respective areas of competence, to wit:

- a) The Minister of the Budget, in facilitating the release of up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (₱250,000.00) provided under Section 1 (Chapter XXXIV International Commitments Funds, KBI 2.1) of the 1981 National Budget based on the financial work program submitted by the preparatory committee;
- b) The Minister of National Defense in ensuring the safety and well-being of delegates and visitors, which will include ASEAN Environment Ministers and UN officials;
- c) The Ministry of Tourism to assist in arranging welcome and departure honors for the delegates;
- d) The Ministry of Public Information to assist the preparatory committee in facilitating the media coverage of the Ministerial Meet.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JUAN C. TUVERA**
Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 682
CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CELEBRATION OF
PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JUNE 12, 1981.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a national committee to take charge of the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 1981.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Minister of Education and Culture	Chairman
The Minister of the Budget	Vice-Chairman
The Presidential Assistant on National Minorities.	Member
The Deputy Minister of Public Works	Member
The Deputy Minister of Labor and Employment.	Member
The Deputy Minister of National Defense.	Member
The Deputy Minister of Local Government and Community Development	Member
The Deputy Minister of Tourism	Member
The Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports Development.	Member
The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements	Member
The Deputy Minister of Transportation and Communications	Member
The Officer-in-Charge, Ministry of Public Information	Member
The Vice-Governor of the Metro-Manila Commission	Member
The Mayor of Manila	Member
The Chairman of the National Historical Institute	Member
The Director of the Southern Philippines Development Authority.	Member
The Executive Director of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women	Member
The President of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities. .	Member
The President of the Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines	Member
The Presidential Protocol Officer.	Member-Secretary

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and for the purpose of discharging its functions, may create its sub-committees as may be necessary.

The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the discharge of its duties and functions.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 683

FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31, SERIES OF 1954, AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ARE LIKEWISE ENTITLED TO THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 31 prescribes regulations governing the use of motor vehicle or means of transportation for official purposes;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 638 amending Executive Order No. 31 provides revised rates for certain provincial and city officials;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to include other local government officials of local governments who are likewise entitled to the use of motor vehicles or other means of transportation so as to ensure effectiveness in the supervision, inspection, or investigation relative to their official functions or business;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby order and ordain:

Section 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 31, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the Sangguniang Panlungsod or the Sangguniang Bayan, as the case may be, may authorize, subject to the approval of the Ministers concerned, those officials whose duties make it necessary or advisable for them to use special means of transportation for purposes of supervision, inspection, or investigation, to utilize their privately-owned motor vehicles for official purposes and to receive reimbursement for the same at the rate of sixty-five centavos (₱0.65) for each kilometer of travel in the case of automobiles and jeeps, on official business; PROVIDED, that the maximum allowances to be paid during any month shall not exceed those given in the following schedules:

A. For provinces, cities and MUNICIPALITIES having 350 kilometers or more of designated first and second class roads connected with the provincial capital, city or MUNICIPALITY -

1. Provincial Governors, City Mayors and PROVINCIAL and City Engineers. ₱350
2. Provincial and CITY Treasurers and OTHER PROVINCIAL/CITY OFFICIALS OF EQUIVALENT RANK ₱300
3. MUNICIPAL MAYORS 200

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4. MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
OF EQUIVALENT RANK 150
- B. For provinces, cities and MUNICIPALITIES having 200 or more but less than
350 kilometers of designated first and second class roads connected with the
provincial capital, city or MUNICIPALITY -
1. Provincial Governors, City Mayors and PROVINCIAL AND City
Engineers. ₱320
2. Provincial and CITY Treasurers and OTHER PROVINCIAL/CITY
OFFICIALS OF EQUIVALENT RANK 280
3. MUNICIPAL MAYORS 150
4. MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
OF EQUIVALENT RANK 100
- C. For provinces, cities and municipalities having 150 kilometers or more but less
than 200 kilometers of designated first and second class roads connected with
the provincial capital, city or MUNICIPALITY -
1. Provincial Governors, City Mayors and PROVINCIAL and City
Engineers. ₱290
2. Provincial and CITY Treasurers and OTHER PROVINCIAL/CITY
OFFICIALS OF EQUIVALENT RANK 260
3. MUNICIPAL MAYORS 120
4. MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
OF EQUIVALENT RANK 80
- D. For provinces, cities and MUNICIPALITIES having 75 kilometers or more but
less than 150 kilometers of designated first and second class roads connected
with the provincial capital, city or MUNICIPALITY -
1. Provincial Governors, City Mayors and PROVINCIAL and City
Engineers. ₱260
2. Provincial and CITY Treasurers and OTHER PROVINCIAL/CITY
OFFICIALS OF EQUIVALENT RANK 240
3. MUNICIPAL MAYORS 100
4. MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
OF EQUIVALENT RANK 60”

Section 2. The Joint Commission on Local Government Personnel Administration shall determine the other officials of equivalent rank to the Provincial and City Treasurers and Municipal Engineers as the case may be, for purposes of granting the allowance herein provided for upon recommendation of the local chief executive concerned.

Section 3. Repealing Clause. All rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of May, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 684
MODIFYING THE RATES OF IMPORT DUTY ON CERTAIN IMPORTED ARTICLES AS
PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The articles specifically listed in the Annex hereof as classified under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, shall pay the rate of import duty indicated opposite each article as listed therein.

SECTION 2. After the expiration of thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Order, all the above-described articles listed in the Annex hereof, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, in the Philippines, for consumption shall be subject to the rates of import duty herein prescribed.

SECTION 3. All Orders, Rules and Regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of May, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

References: Annexes A and B

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 685
CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADMINISTRATOR AND
RECONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE NATIONAL COAL
AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the National Coal Authority was created by virtue of Presidential No. 1722 as a central government authority to accelerate the development and utilization of coal as an alternative source of power in the country pursuant to the government's thrust towards energy self-sufficiency;

WHEREAS, to attain these objectives, it is imperative to reconstitute the present membership of the Board of Governors of the National Coal Authority in order to include the Minister of Transportation and Communications as ex-officio member in lieu of one other member to be appointed by the President of the Philippines from the private sector without any change in the present membership of the Board;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to change the title of the Executive Director to that of the "Administrator" of the National Coal Authority to truly reflect the nature of his functions;

WHEREAS, the present requirements of the National Coal Authority strongly indicate the need to further define its powers and functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. The title of the Executive Director of the National Coal Authority is hereby changed to "Administrator." He shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the National Coal Authority and shall perform his functions and responsibilities under the administrative supervision and control of the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 2. The Minister of Transportation and Communication is hereby designated as ex-officio member of the Board of Governors of the National Coal Authority in lieu of the member to be appointed by the President of the Philippines from the private sector. Accordingly, the Board of Governors of the National Coal Authority shall be composed of the Minister of Energy as ex-officio chairman, the Minister of Industry, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of the Budget, and the Minister of Transportation and Communications as ex-officio members.

SECTION 3. In addition to the powers and functions of the National Coal Authority provided in Presidential Decree No. 1722, the Authority shall also exercise the following powers:

- (a) To succeed in its corporate name, with the power of succession;
- (b) To sue and be sued in such corporate name;
- (c) To adopt, alter and use a corporate seal, which shall be of judicial notice;
- (d) To adopt, amend, and repeal its by-laws;

- (e) In general, to carry on any activity and to have and exercise all of the powers conferred by law on private corporations.

SECTION 4. This order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 5th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 686
RELEASING APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL COAL AUTHORITY AS
GOVERNMENT EQUITY CONTRIBUTION.

WHEREAS, the National Coal Authority was created by virtue of P. D. No. 1722 to undertake, among others, various activities in connection with the supply, distribution and use of coal as an alternative source of energy.

WHEREAS, to accomplish these purposes, Letter of Instruction No. 1103 dated January 20, 1981 directed the Treasurer of the Philippines to release to the National Coal Authority the amount of Fifty Million Pesos out of the Special Fund created under Section 8(j) of R. A. No. 6173, as amended, as equity contribution of the government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by law and the constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. That the National Coal Authority shall have an initial authorized capitalization in the amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos divided into five hundred thousand shares with a par value of ₱1,000 per share to be wholly subscribed by the Philippine government.

SECTION 2. That as initial paid-up equity contribution of the government and pursuant to Letter of Instruction No. 1103, the amount of Fifty Million Pesos is hereby directed to be released to the National Coal Authority out of the Special Fund created under Section 8(j) of R. A. No. 6173, as amended.

SECTION 3. That the Board of Governors may from time to time and as the operations and objectives of the National Coal Authority require, increase the capitalization of the Authority.

SECTION 4. This order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 5th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 687

DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE SAN ROQUE MULTI-PURPOSE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF LOWER AGNO RIVER BASIN AT SAN ROQUE, SAN MANUEL, PANGASINAN AND ALSO AS THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCY FOR THE JOINT WORKS.

WHEREAS, the San Roque Multi-Purpose Project is designed to provide dependable Hydroelectric Power for the Luzon Grid in line with the accelerated program of the National Power Corporation;

WHEREAS, the San Roque Multi-Purpose Project is also designed to provide dependable water supply for irrigation;

WHEREAS, besides the above, the San Roque Multi-Purpose Project is also designed to utilize water resources other than Hydro Power and Irrigation such as mines tailings control and flood control;

WHEREAS, the National Power Corporation (NPC) is a government agency involved in the execution of various water resources utilization projects and as such has the necessary experience and expertise required for the speedy and successful implementation of projects such as the San Roque Multi-Purpose Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby designate the National Power Corporation as the Lead Agency for the San Roque Multi-Purpose Project and also as the Implementing Agency for the Joint Works of said Project.

As the Lead Agency, the National Power Corporation shall have the following functions:

1. To insure the early and successful implementation and completion of the project;
2. To negotiate with and receive from the proper financing institutions loans to finance the project;
3. To ensure the proper integration and coordination of all related development programs and activities in the region in the light of the San Roque Multi-Purpose Project;
4. To coordinate with the National Water Resources Council and other Government agencies concerned in the planning of this project;
5. To recommend to the President through the National Water Resources Council policies, rules and regulations that will govern the proper operation of the project after its completion including the powers, functions and responsibilities of each and any agency that may be involved in the project subject to the provisions of applicable laws and/or agreements with the financing institutions;
6. To submit quarterly progress reports to the President.

All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government are hereby enjoined to cooperate with and assist the National Power Corporation (NPC) in the performance of its assigned tasks, to ensure the early and successful implementation of the project.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and used the seal of the Republic of the Philippines affixed.

Done in the City of Manila this 5th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty One.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA

Presidential Executive Assistant

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 688
ALIGNING THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF NOMENCLATURE AND THE GENERAL RULES OF
CLASSIFICATION PROVIDED FOR UNDER SECTIONS 104 AND 203 OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 1464 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION
COUNCIL NOMENCLATURE

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by Section 401 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct and order:

SECTION 1. The Tariff Commission is hereby ordered to prepare a draft of the Philippine tariff nomenclature provided for under Section 104 of Presidential Decree No. 1464, in accordance with the Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature, provided that in the transposition of the tariff provisions of Section 104 of said Presidential Decree No. 1464, as amended, the existing tariff rates shall be retained.

SECTION 2. The Commission is also ordered to prepare a draft of the rules of classification provided for under Section 203 of Presidential Decree No. 1464 in accordance with the Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature.

SECTION 3. The Commission shall submit a revised tariff nomenclature and rules of classification not later than two months from the effectivity of this Order to the National Economic and Development Authority provided that the revised tariff nomenclature and the rules of classification shall become effective thirty (30) days after approval and issuance by the National Economic and Development Authority.

SECTION 4. Subsequent revisions to the Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature which may be adopted by the Customs Cooperation Council shall be incorporated in the Philippine tariff nomenclature. For this purpose, the Tariff Commission shall within two months upon receipt by the Philippine Government of the official copy of the amended Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature revision prepare the draft of the pertinent parts of the tariff nomenclature incorporating such revisions which shall become effective thirty (30) days after approval and issuance by the National Economic and Development Authority.

SECTION 5. This Order shall take effect thirty (30) days after its promulgation.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 9th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:
(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 689

INSTITUTING A NATIONAL RESOURCE EXPERT SYSTEM WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, PROVIDING FOR THE INTEGRATIVE DELIVERY OF BASIC NEEDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Human Settlements has been mandated to undertake the development of urban and rural settlements in the manner that assures the adequate fulfillment of basic needs and the self-reliance and interdependence of human communities;

WHEREAS, the Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services Program implemented by the Ministry of Human Settlements in pursuit of this mandate has innovatively adopted the shelter-cum-livelihood approach as a basic needs strategy to development;

WHEREAS, the full pursuit of this national development strategy increasingly demands the cooperation of sectoral agencies of government and the coordination of their sectoral developmental programs toward the integrative delivery of basic services to the individual and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby direct and order the following:

1. There is hereby constituted in the Ministry of Human Settlements a National Resource Expert System to undertake the integrative and coordinative delivery of the basic need sectoral development programs primarily, but not exclusively within the context and framework of the Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services Program.
2. The sectoral developmental programs to be coordinated by the National Resource Expert System shall cover the following basic needs: food, water, clothing, shelter, power, livelihood (economic base), medical services, education, culture and technology, mobility and sports and recreation and ecological balance.
3. As a matter of developmental policy, the National Resource Expert System shall adopt the implementing strategy of bringing basic services directly to the individual in the physical location of his community rather than for the individual to seek basic services in the central offices of government. For this purpose, the National Resource Expert System shall utilize mobile service delivery terminals, including Development Caravans, in this task.
4. In implementing this Order, the Ministry of Human Settlements shall:
 - a. designate from among the pertinent sectoral agency offices National Resource Experts in each of the above basic need
 - b. determine from among the basic need sectoral programs of government those activities that will be coordinated by the System
 - c. design the modes and instruments for the delivery of such services by the System
 - d. direct such integrated delivery of services and report the same to the President.

5. In order to effectively monitor and evaluate the delivery of basic services to specific communities as implemented by the System, the Ministry of Human Settlements shall install and activate the Maharlika Center in the Office of the President as the information center of the System. The Center shall operate within a communications and information-processing network and facility to be accordingly established, and for this purpose, the Ministry of Human Settlements shall be authorized to call on any officer and agency of government to furnish relevant information and reports for monitoring and evaluation purposes.
6. Agencies constituting, participating and cooperating in the System shall indicate in their budget appropriations, such program/project/activity items and their corresponding amounts are involved by their participation. Such incremental budgetary support as may be required by the participation of sectoral agencies in the System shall be submitted to the Ministry of Budget for funding support in accordance with existing budgetary rules and regulations of the government.

Done in Metropolitan Manila, this 11th day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 690

EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVITY OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SEVENTEEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DATED NOVEMBER 20, 1980, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SEVENTEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN, DATED DECEMBER 4, 1980.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1745, dated November 20, 1980, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1747, dated December 3, 1980 grants amnesty to persons who prior to the promulgation of the Decree have been under arrest and/or investigation for, charged with or convicted of simple illegal possession of firearm, ammunition or explosive, provided that they shall apply therefore in writing to the proper authorities within three (3) months from such date of effectivity;

WHEREAS, Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the same Decree, as amended, provide for the surrender of unlicensed or loose firearm, ammunition or explosive without incurring criminal liability therefor with the privilege of applying for license to possess the same, if qualified, and if not to sell the same to qualified firms or individuals;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforestated Decree, as amended, acceptance of applications for amnesty ceased last February 20, 1981 while the surrender of loose firearm, ammunition or explosive with the accompanying privileges ceased to be effective last May 1, 1981;

WHEREAS, there are numerous requests for the extension of the effectivity of the aforementioned Decree so that they may avail of the beneficial provisions thereof;

WHEREAS, in line with the government's policy of compassion, reconciliation, accommodation and normalization, the government finds these requests meritorious.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. The privilege to apply in writing to the proper authorities in order to avail of the amnesty granted pursuant to Section 1, Presidential Decree No. 1745, as amended, is extended to December 31, 1981.

SEC. 2. The surrender of unlicensed or loose firearm, ammunition or explosive without incurring any criminal liability therefor pursuant to Section 3, Presidential Decree No. 1745, as amended with corresponding privileges pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 thereof is extended to December 31, 1981.

SEC. 3. All rules and regulations in implementation of Presidential Decree No. 1745, as amended, are made applicable in the implementation of this order.

SEC. 4. This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.

Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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MALACAÑANG
MANILA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 691
AMENDING THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF LETTER OF IMPLEMENTATION NO. 53
DATED DECEMBER 27, 1976

WHEREAS, production loans obtained by farmer-members of Samahang Nayons are subject to a compulsory 3 percent deduction as contribution to the Barrio Savings Fund;

WHEREAS, the principal source of equity capital of cooperative rural banks is the Barrio Savings Fund;

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the equity capital of existing cooperative rural banks and to accelerate the establishment of new ones throughout the Philippine countryside;

WHEREAS, under present regulations, withdrawals from the Barrio Savings Fund are not allowed if such withdrawals will endanger the liquidity position of the rural banks concerned;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 11 of PD 175, the proviso of the last paragraph of LOI No. 53 dated December 27, 1976 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Provided, that the withdrawal of the Barrio Savings Fund as herein specified shall be unrestricted: Provided, Further, That in the case of a Samahang Nayon member who has an outstanding loan with the depository rural bank, withdrawal shall be allowed only up to the extent of 50% of the Samahang Nayon deposit with the rural bank for the account of such member: Provided, Further, That in cases where liquidity position of the depository rural bank is endangered, the banking institutions concerned shall borrow from and the Central Bank of the Philippines shall lend under its Emergency Credit Operation such amounts of the Barrio Savings Fund as are herein defined, and such emergency loan shall be granted after the Monetary Board has ascertained that the bank is not insolvent and has clearly realizable assets to secure the emergency advances: Provided, finally, That the proceeds of the withdrawal of the Barrio Savings Fund deposits shall be directly remitted or deposited with the existing cooperative rural bank or deposited in the name of the Samahang Nayons concerned with the nearest branch of the Philippine National Bank in Provinces where no cooperative rural bank has yet been established.”

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord 1981.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.
Deputy Presidential Executive Assistant

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